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Yuko Kawai, a first grader at a Tokyo elementary school shelters under her desk during a disaster prevention drill yesterday marking the anniversary of the Great Earthquake of 1923.

'Early Saudi ties not likely'

NICOSIA, Sept 1. (AP): Iran said yesterday it seeks good relations with Arab states in the Gulf but ruled out restoring links with Saudi Arabia until "unresolved issues are thrashed out."

The official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted an unidentified source close to President Hashem Rafsanjani as saying: "We have certain major unresolved issues with the Riyadh regime which must be thrashed out before any move in the direction of a smoothing of bilateral relations."

The statement came only two days after Rafsanjani, elected July 28, won parliamentary approval for a cabinet consisting largely of "technocrats," many Western-educated, rather than revolutionary ideologues.

Rafsanjani, leader of Tehran's so-called pragmatists, is now expected to move toward ending Iran's isolation by restoring links with the West and its Gulf Arab neighbours.

On the face of it, the official's remarks indicated that Rafsanjani was in no hurry to patch up the rift with the Saudis, who broke off relations with Tehran in April last year, citing subversion and terrorism.

But the reference to "thrashing out" their differences was seen as a veiled offer for talks aimed at resolving the rift between the two Gulf powers.

Saudi Arabia's King Fahd yesterday received a message from Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto dealing with mediation efforts aimed at reconciling the desert kingdom with Iran, diplomatic sources in Jeddah reported. They would not give other details.

Pakistan has been using its good offices with both Riyadh and Tehran seeking to patch up relations.

Hyderabad prison riot claims nine

HYDERABAD, Sept 1. (AP): Nine prisoners were killed when police stormed a Hyderabad jail to free hostages taken by inmates protesting poor jail conditions, according to reports today.

The independent Muslim newspaper said 500 inmates of the central jail in Pakistan's southern Hyderabad city, took seven guards hostage early yesterday morning.

Negotiations broke down after five hours; the Muslim reported. Police and inmates pelted each other with stones and bricks before police opened fire from nearby rooftops.

Deputy chairmanship on offer Nam honours Kuwait

BELGRADE, Sept 1. (KUNA): Kuwait has been officially nominated as deputy chairman of the upcoming non-aligned countries summit conference, due to convene here on Monday.

Well informed sources told KUNA that nomination of Kuwait has received overwhelming support of Nam's senior officials, currently in session here.

The sources said Kuwait was nominated for its wise and balanced policy taken at Arab, Islamic and international levels and within the framework of the movement.

Kuwaiti State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saad Mohammed Al-Osaimi today declared Kuwait's support for revitalisation of the Non-Aligned Movement.

In a short statement before the ministerial

conference of the movement, Osaimi said Kuwait stresses the importance of breathing life into the movement so as to overcome difficulties faced by member countries.

He underlined the need to revitalise the movement to enable it enforce resolutions adopted by its conferences and different agencies.

Osaimi pointed out the great importance of the Non-Aligned Movement on the international level in defence of just causes of Third World countries.

The Kuwaiti official praised Zimbabwe, chairman of the ninth name conference, is steering the movement.

He was equally praiseful for Yugoslavia's perfect preparations for hosting the ninth Nam summit opening on Monday. (See also Page 11)

People evacuated: The Colombian volcano that killed an estimated 25,000 people in 1985 sent steam and ash soaring on Friday prompting authorities to evacuate people in areas of danger.

The Nevado del Ruiz volcano, 80 miles (128 kilometers) west of the capital of Bogota, began erupting on Thursday night and ash was drifting hundreds of miles (kilometers) north by Friday morning according to radio reports.

President Virgilio Barco's disaster emergency office ordered the evacuation of about 2,500 people living in the five river valleys beneath the 16,000 foot high (5,200 meters) volcano, said Nicolas Garcia Piedrahita, the office's assistant director. (AP)

Meeting set for Sept 22: US Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze will meet Sept 22 and 23 in Wyoming, the US State Department announced on Friday.

The meeting will be to discuss the full range of US and Soviet issues, spokeswoman Tutwiler told reporters. (Reuter)

Armed forces abolished: Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Khaddafi abolished his armed forces on Friday, the 20th anniversary of his revolution.

In future Libyan soldiers, sailors and airmen will be known as "armed people," he decreed in a flamboyant gesture marking the coup which toppled Libya's pro-Western monarchy.

Only hours earlier Libya made peace with Chad.

The neighbouring states, which went to war over a disputed piece of Sahara desert along their border known as the Aouzou strip, agreed to take their 15-year-old dispute to the international court of justice in the Hague for arbitration. (Reuter)

Magsaysay awards: An American Jesuit priest who was jailed by Ferdinand Marcos for being a vocal government critic said Thursday the church's greatest achievement in recent years was helping the ousted former president three years ago.

The Rev. James Bertram Reuter Jr. made the remarks at ceremonies in which he was awarded the 1989 Ramon Magsaysay prize for journalism, literature and creative communications arts.

800 detained

Almost 800 people were detained in Medellin, Colombia for violating a curfew, a measure to prevent the drug related terrorism.

■ Five thousand Colombians working for the Medellin and Cali drug cartels are turning Los Angeles into the cocaine capital of the United States.

Local police and prosecutors say the Colombians, who get as much as \$20,000 a week, distribute up to 115,000 kilograms (250,000 pounds) of the drug a year.

They have formed alliances with many of the 400 street gangs in Los Angeles peddling the drug across the western United States.

Diluted with baking soda and water, cocaine can sell for between \$50,000 and \$100,000 a pound as "crack."

Frustated by a stepped-up drive by US government and police undercover agents to stop drugs pouring into Miami from the Caribbean, the Colombian cartels are switching coasts, police said.

But the Colombian government's war on the two cartels has not yet made a dent in the flow of cocaine into the western United States, they added.

■ The United States asked Israel to help persuade a former Israeli intelligence agent who is a top adviser to Panama's strongman, Manuel Noriega, to leave Panama. He can be questioned by US officials, a newspaper reported.

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he has no information on any US request concerning Mike Harari, a former agent of Israel's Mossad intelligence agency. (Earlier Report Page 4)

Mob gouges out eyes: An angry crowd gouged out the eyes of six people caught in an attempted robbery in southern Bangladesh, police said on Thursday.

Villagers surrounded 15 robbers who raided the house of a wealthy man at Mehdinagar in Barisal district on Wednesday night. Nine escaped.

The furious crowd gouged out the eyes of the rest. Police quoted one of the mob as saying this was to stop the robbers returning for revenge. (Reuter)

Camels from Khaddafi

Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi has sent six camels to Belgrade for next week's summit of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The animals — three adults and three young — munched meat placidly yesterday outside the green-flagged home of the Libyan ambassador in Belgrade. A Yugoslav policeman stood guard.

Arabs attend the summit, which starts next Monday, said they believed Khaddafi had sent the camels as a symbol of the desert and the Arab heritage. (Reuter wirephoto)

Beirut burns in savage barrage

Disguised French slip into Beirut; may fight

BEIRUT, Sept 1. (Agencies): Syrian and Christian gunners pounded Beirut and its environs with shelling today in one of the fiercest artillery battles in their six-month-old war, turning parts of the city into an inferno of burning buildings.

Police said at least seven people were killed and 55 wounded in the savage barrages, in which 80 shells and rockets were falling a minute during the most intense periods.

That raised the casualty toll from the fighting that erupted

March 8 to at least 819 killed and 2,499 wounded.

In an interview in the French daily newspaper *Le Figaro*, Aoun said the United States is "giving Syrians the time they need to reach their goal in Lebanon" by discouraging aid to other parties in the dispute.

The bombardment by the Syrians' long-range artillery covered virtually all of the besieged 310-square-mile (800-square-kilometre) Christian enclave north of Beirut, where one million people have been trapped since mid-March.

Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun's artillery hammered Syrian-controlled West Beirut, the Druze Muslim stronghold in the Chouf mountains southeast of the capital and the Syrians' main supply route through the Bekaa valley in east Lebanon.

The fighting escalated yesterday after the pro-Aoun *Ad-Diyar* daily reported that a peace mission by French envoy Francois Scherz had collapsed.

Police said at least 80 Syrian 130mm shells fired from positions in the central mountains that overlook the city hit the state-owned casino Du Liban, north of Beirut, setting it on fire.

The vast casino overlooking the Mediterranean, the biggest in the Middle East, was a Beirut landmark, a symbol of the city's heyday as the region's playground before the civil war erupted in 1975.

Associated Press newswoman Bahjat Jaber reported by telephone from the Christian port of Jounieh that "hundreds of shells and rockets" were hitting the area.

"They're shelling the coast, the mountains, the towns and the road network," Jaber said. "The whole area's burning."

Fire crews out of control in the wooded hills surrounding Beirut. In the city, its smoke-weathered streets filled with rubble from wrecked buildings, apartment blocks blazed as ambulances sped casualties to hospitals already running short on medicines.

Abu Abdou and other 130mm guns have been used to bombard ships carrying arms and other supplies trying to run a Syrian blockade of the Christian enclave.

Soon after Abu Abdou was silenced, police said a freighter dashed into Jounieh with a cargo of fruit and vegetables for the beleaguered Christians.

A police spokesman, the ship, the *Mirca-T*, had been driven back by Syrian shelling when it tried to make a run for Jounieh earlier today.

A Christian spokesman said Aoun's gunners destroyed a Syrian ammunition dump in pine woods near Bolonia.

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'Cool' in a can 'Psst' ends the car bake

WASHINGTON, Sept 1. (AP): For the unbearable feeling of climbing into a sun-baked car, Dr Domingo Tan has a remedy: a few squirts from his air-conditioner in a can.

Tan, a Chinese-born physicist who lives near Washington, invented instant car cooler, an aerosol spray containing 10 per cent ethyl alcohol and 90 per cent water mixed with a mint fragrance.

One exporter wants to ship instant car cooler to the Middle East, where Tan says the heat inside automobiles can soar to 165 degrees Fahrenheit (74 degrees Celsius) or more.

United News of India said workers from Rajiv's Congress Party and activists from the Marxist Communist Party fought for more than two hours in the streets of the eastern city of Calcutta.

Maoist rebels kill 11, injure 6 in India

NEW DELHI, Sept 1. (AP): Suspected Maoist rebels detonated a landmine under a jeep today, killing 11 people and injuring six others in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, news reports said.

United News of India said 10 people died at the blast site, a remote jungle road in the Beerpur area of Karimnagar district.

One of the six wounded people died en route to a hospital, the news agency said.

It said the victims were travelling to a nearby village to attend the funeral of a local leader who was

hacked to death yesterday by the rebels, known as Naxalites.

The name is taken from Naxalbari, a town in West Bengal state where their movement, advocating an armed overthrow of the government, was born in 1967.

Press Trust of India news agency, quoting police, said another jeep passed over the landmine safely minutes earlier.

Police believed the landmine was intended for a police patrol that was scheduled to use the road, UNI said.

Nehru prize to Arafat

NEW DELHI, Sept 1. (AP): The Jawaharlal Nehru Award for international understanding has been awarded to the PLO chief, Yasser Arafat, the Indian government announced today.

A government statement said that in honouring Arafat, "we underline our commitment to support the fight of every people for freedom, justice and peace."

The award, announced for every year since 1969 in honour of Jawaharlal Nehru, independent India's first prime minister. The 1987 award was given to United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

The 60-year-old Arafat was honoured in the statement as a "valiant fighter who has been engaged in the long and arduous struggle of the people of Palestine and their independence."

Soviets back Sofia in row with Turkey

MOSCOW, Sept 1. (Reuter): The Soviet Union today defended Bulgaria in its dispute with Ankara over the fate of ethnic Turks, saying no one should try to pressure Sofia into a settlement.

Attempts to internationalise the question of Bulgarian Muslims... to bring pressure to bear on one of the parties can only hamper a just and mutually acceptable settlement," Foreign Ministry spokesman Yacim Perfiliev told a news conference.

Doctors implant insulin pumps

Good news for diabetics

BOSTON, Sept 1. (Agencies): A computerised, implanted insulin pump the size of a hockey puck can free diabetics from giving themselves injections and may help them avoid some of the disabling complications of their disease, doctors report.

"It's a significant advance," said Dr Christopher D Saudek of Johns Hopkins University, who helped test the device. "This is, in my view, the first successful long-term experience with variable-rate implanted insulin pumps."

The device, which borrows technology from the space programme could be years away from becoming commercially available. Researchers said they plan to test a slightly modified version before seeking approval of the US Food and Drug Administration for sale in the United States.

The experimental pump, designed at Johns Hopkins, is one of several similar devices tested in recent years. Others have been plagued by clogged lines and other malfunctions.

Besides relieving diabetics of the chore of giving themselves injections, such pumps could more closely mimic the body's natural release of insulin and forestall diabetic complications such as blindness and kidney failure, doctors say.

Diabetics require frequent insulin injections because their bodies fail to make enough of the essential hormone, which breaks down sugar.

The new disk-shaped pump, implanted in the abdomen, is three inches (7.6 centimetres) in diameter and weighs seven ounces (198 grams). It holds a two-month supply of insulin and can be refilled with a syringe.

The pump was tested on 18 diabetics. Doctors said it generally worked well, although four of the devices became blocked when tissue grew over the catheter that releases the insulin. One also malfunctioned because of a faulty microchip.

Doctors can programme the pumps to vary the rate at which they release insulin throughout the day. Patients use a hand-held radio transmitter to command the pumps to give out an extra burst of insulin after meals.

While blood-sugar control with the pumps was good, the doctors said they hope someday to develop a device that senses the body's blood sugar levels and releases insulin as it's needed.

The pumps, manufactured by Minimed Technologies of Sylmar, California, were tested by Saudek and other doctors at Johns Hopkins and the University of California, Irvine.

Theory rejected

Missing link

CHICAGO, Sept 1. (Agencies): A 10-year study has cast doubt on a theory that people who are depressed are prone to developing cancer, US researchers said yesterday.

"Although no study is definitive, the weight of evidence casts considerable doubt on a connection between depressive symptoms and cancer morbidity and mortality," said the study from the National Institute on Ageing.

The report was published in this week's issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The researchers said the link between emotional distress and disease of all types has received considerable attention for the past several decades and there is evidence emotional factors may affect the immune system and hormonal functioning.

But they said previous studies that indicated a cancer-depression link appeared to have been poorly designed, giving false results.

The study followed 6,403 men and women for 10 years. It found that the relative risk of cancer was not significantly different among those with and those without symptoms of depression.

Scientists reported Wednesday discovery of a gene that appears to cause some cancers of the pituitary gland and may also trigger tumour growth in the thyroid, ovary and similar glands.

A team of US and Italian researchers said they identified mutations on the "gasp" gene that causes uncontrolled production of cyclic AMP, or camp, a growth-promoting molecule inside the cell.

Reporting in the British Journal Nature, the team headed by Henry Bourne of the University of California-San Francisco said it found camp mutations in about 40 per cent of growth hormone-secreting pituitary tumours examined.

The tumours were surgically removed from patients suffering from excessive growth called "gigantism."

Bourne and his colleagues said the mutations appear to alter properties of a special signalling protein that regulates an enzyme that makes camp. The defect causes the camp-making protein to be permanently switched on, leading to the uncontrolled growth of tumour cells.

"Hormones that raise camp turn on the growth of cells. These mutations make the cell think they are seeing those hormones, even though they are not," Bourne said.

In addition to pituitary cells, researchers said other cells programmed to grow in response to elevated camp are thyroid, ovary, testes, adrenal and other endocrine glands.

Bourne said it is thought the camp gene or perhaps a gene from the same "family" may be responsible for some types of cancer in those glands.

Adventures just a phone call away

NEW YORK, Sept 1. (Reuters): Americans are a telephone call away from inter-galactic battles with extra-terrestrial creatures or from snake-infested Egyptian caves in which they can become Indiana Jones in a quest for hidden treasure.

By simply ringing a new type of toll phone number and keying in digits on their push-button phones, callers embark on life-and-death missions with film and television characters.

"It's like video games without the screens," said Michael Ellman, who helped develop the new caller-paid phone lines. "It's the wave of the future."

It is also a powerful new sales device, designed to entertain while boosting interest in films, television shows and a range of consumer products.

"It's the strongest new marketing tool since the introduction of television," said John Schmitt, marketing manager of Interactive Telemedia (ITM).

"It allows any sponsor to communicate one-on-one to every single person in the country with no cost involved," he added.

The lines, which usually charge users about a dollar a minute, apply new technology designed to drum up new forms of phone communication for "couch potatoes" — people who like entertainment without exertion.

Introduced last February, the lines connect users to dozens of games, quizzes and sweepstakes that offer rewards such as trips to Moscow or Singapore with the host of a popular Los Angeles chat show.

Unlike the early non-interactive toll numbers, which just played messages to the caller, these provide several stages of feedback.

For instance, if the caller wants to play Indiana Jones, the game will let a clues-in player know whether to punch in "1" on a touch-tone panel — perhaps sending the archaeologist film hero plummeting in a pit of hissing vipers — or punch in "2" to steer him to safety.

The various games give callers promotional T-shirts, caps, badges and pins. Defeating alien invaders from outer space wins a special "Star Trek" certificate, signed by Captain Kirk, making the player an "honorary captain" of the space fleet, Schmitt said.

The first movie link to one of these telephone lines was "Speed Zone," in which fans called in to direct a sports car around a simulated race track. It was a success.

ITM then set up telephone lines with themes from some popular summer films, including "Star Trek V: The Final Frontier," and "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade."

"It's exciting for people," Ellman said, "and they don't mind paying the price of it."

Most of the interactive calling is geared to adolescents, which may upset parents already increased over huge phone bills run up by their offspring making long calls to various talk lines.



One killed in accident

One man (pictured right) was killed and another seriously injured when their window-cleaning gantry crashed 10 floors into lunch-time crowds in central Sydney on Thursday. Two people on the ground were injured and four children, participating in a pavement show metres from the crash, were treated for shock. (Reuters wirephoto)

50-km wide meteorites 'fell' on S. Africa

WASHINGTON, Sept 1. (Reuters): Giant meteorites as large as 50 kilometres (30 miles) across are believed to have fallen on South Africa about 3.4 billion years ago, a team of geologists said.

The geologists based their conclusion on a study of several mysterious rocks of tiny, spherically shaped rocks found in the vicinity of the town of Barberton, located in the Republic of South Africa about 300 kilometres (180 miles) east of Johannesburg, they wrote in today's science magazine.

"We're pretty convinced that they're from a big impact" — either a shower of small meteorites or a handful of extremely large meteorites, said one of the researchers, Frank T. Kyte of the University of California at Los Angeles.

The tiny round rocks, measur-

ing up to two millimetres (a tenth of an inch) in diameter, probably were formed when the meteorites collided with the earth, the scientists said.

The heat of the collision would have turned solid rock into a vapour, which would then have formed into the tiny droplets as it cooled, they said.

The researchers were led by Donald R. Lowe of Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif.

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Jagger struts his stuff

Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones performs Thursday at a sell-out concert at Philadelphia's Veterans Stadium. During the group's first concert tour in eight years 50,000 fans jumped to their feet and began a night of dancing in their seats.

The Stones, launching their 29-city "Steel Wheels" tour, played on a stage 110 high by 300 feet wide (33.5-metres) showing a scene of industrial decay with catwalks, gray girders and black nets.

The group opened its last tour, in 1981, followed with "Bitch" from 1971 and "Shattered" from 1978. They left the stage briefly, returning with three backup singers and four horn players.

The flamboyant Jagger strutted around the stage clad in black leather pants and a green tuxedo jacket.

MOSCOW: Children conceived in the autumn and winter are the most energetic, the best time for sexual activity is winter and summertime is the worst, Tibetan doctors said on Wednesday in a Soviet journal.

Studies of birthing led Tibetan physicians to conclude that children conceived in autumn and winter have more energy than those conceived in spring and summer, the official news agency Tass said, citing an article in the journal Asia and Africa Today (UPI).

PARIS: French Police said a Tibetan spiritual healer was charged with manslaughter on Thursday after attempting to cure a woman by whipping on her, beating her and jumping up and down on her stomach.

Terri Williams told police he was convinced 53-year-old Rosa Germain had just had sexual relations with the devil. (Reuter)

NEW YORK: Dorothy Star, the heiress who molded the historic New York Post into one of America's most liberal dailies during her 37 years at its helm, died of cancer on Wednesday. She was 86.

Peter Faris, a vice-president at the Post, said Schiff died at her home in New York City. She had been sick since May. (AP)

MILAN: Italy: Painter Michele Cascella, known for his oil and lithographs, has died at the age of 96.

Cascella died on Tuesday at his home in Milan and was buried on Thursday in Ortona, where he was born.

He started his career under his father, Bassile, who taught him to use nature as a subject. He gave his first official exhibit in Milan at the age of 15. (AP)

PORT LOUIS: Mauritius has set aside an area of mud flats near its main port as a sanctuary for thousands of wading birds which migrate there each year from northern Europe and Siberia.

Agriculture Minister Madam Dulloo launched a fund this week to transform the 30 acres (12 hectares) of tidal mudflats on the Terre Rouge estuary, just north of Port Louis harbour, into a bird sanctuary of educational and touristic value. (Reuter)

MELBOURNE: Australia: A skier who survived after he was caught in an avalanche and trapped under a mountain of snow for two days said on Thursday he awoke to find himself in an air pocket surrounded by snow.

Graham Monson was skiing on Mt Hotham in north-eastern Victoria state on Thursday when the snow gave way, dragging him more than 100 metres (300 feet) and burying him under more than one metre (three feet) of snow. (AP)

WARSAW, Poland: Composer Leonard Bernstein says he is deeply moved to be in Poland in the wake of the continuing political transition toward democracy.

"I feel in Poland a very great future," he said.

Bernstein, 71, was to recite lines from W.H. Auden's poem, September 1, 1939, at the start of a concert on Friday to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II. It was to be transmitted live to more than 20 countries.

Among the other international performers to participate in the concert are actress Liv Ullman, soprano Barbara Hendricks and Poland's most famous contemporary composer, Krzysztof Penderecki. (AP)

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine: President George Bush, who has not had any luck fishing on his summer vacation, jokingly asked a newspaper to stop running a "no-fish" logo chronicling his rod-and-reel failures.

The Portland press Herald's graphic consists of a circle with a line drawn through a bushel.

Bush, whose hook has come up empty for 13 days in a row, said he planned to call the newspaper's editor. (AP)



The crowd, which saw the band Living Colour as the opening act, ranged from young to old—some even as old as the Stones themselves.

"They transact age groups," said Tom Scapie, 45. "I think they're one of the super-bands still left."

Concertgoers paid \$25.50 apiece for tickets, which sold out in two hours, 45 minutes. Scalpers were getting as much as \$200 dollars a ticket.

The group opened its last tour, in 1981, in Philadelphia as well. The next stop on the 29-city North American tour are Sunday and Monday in Toronto, and Wednesday in Pittsburgh.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the group's first recording. (Reuter wirephoto)

Company specialises in flight by night

Japanese movers cater to lovers and leavers

OSAKA, Japan, Sept 1, (Reuter): Women desperate to leave their husbands and debtors eager to avoid creditors can turn to the Transport Service for Troubled People, a Japanese removal company specialising in dead-of-night moves.

"There are some incredible women," owner Hiroshi Yamaguchi said. "They ask us to move their belongings out of their homes to their lovers' while they lure their honest husbands out for dinner in a restaurant."

Yamaguchi came up with the idea for the company three years ago after spending more than 20 years in more conventional areas of the removal business.

"I was often asked to move people's belongings secretly and not tell anyone their new address. Having gone through

bankruptcy myself, I was aware of their dilemma and wanted to help," he said.

The company moves people's belongings out of their homes or offices, mostly at night, takes them to its own storage facilities, then transports them to the client's new location when it is certain no one is following.

Customers usually telephone with an anxious request such as: "I need your help. Can you keep this secret?" A discreet meeting is then arranged during which the move is thoroughly planned.

Several of Yamaguchi's clients are small entrepreneurs on the verge of bankruptcy who want to escape creditors.

But the company is doing a growing business with women running away from husbands and moving in with lovers.

Yamaguchi said.

"Whereas Japanese men tend to take no more than a cash card — when they abandon their families, most women want to keep all their belongings, including refrigerators, televisions and air-conditioners," said company employee Yasushi Morita.

In some cases the women decide to leave after discovering their husband belongs to the Yakuza, or Japanese criminal gangs.

"When members of the Yakuza are involved, we also hire a Yakuza member to take with us. There's nothing to fear because we aren't doing anything illegal."

But it's easier because these people have special way of settling things," Morita said without elaborating.

The company occasionally negotiates

with the Yakuza on behalf of clients because some desperate entrepreneurs borrow money from Yakuza loan sharks.

It recently helped one Yakuza member disappear after he was hounded by Yakuza creditors when his business went broke.

"That was complicated. We spent a lot of time on planning. We had to move his furniture out of both his main house where — his wife and kid lived and his second house where his concubine lived."

Yamaguchi said.

Asked if the firm sometimes failed to collect fees if clients were in financial difficulties, Morita said: "It hasn't happened yet. We don't often do it, but sometimes we decline to help when they look absolutely hopeless."

Henry called scurvy knave

LONDON, Sept 1, (AP): King Henry VIII, renowned for his appetites for women and power, was killed by his craving for meat, a historian has concluded.

Simon MacLean Kybett, writing in the September issue of "History Today," argues that Henry died in 1547 of scurvy, a disease caused by a lack of fruits and vegetables rich in Vitamin C.

Or as the headline in Wednesday's Guardian newspaper put it: "Henry was a scurvy knave."

The king, Ms Kybett said, displayed a number of symptoms of scurvy: swollen ulcerated legs, bad breath, frequent colds, constipation, lethargy, forgetfulness, blinding and wild swings in mood.

It could have been Henry, she wrote, that the Elizabethan writer Philip Stubbes had in mind in this blast against the English diet:

"For who is sicklier than they that fare deliciously every day? Who is corrupter? Who belches more? Who looketh worse, who is weaker and feebler that they? Who hath more filthy colour, pleigne and putrefaction (replete with gross humours) than they?"

"And, to be brief, who dyeth sooner than they?"

Significantly, Henry was usually sick during Lent, when fasting coincided with a lack of nutritious food, Ms Kybett wrote.

"But nobody in the Tudor era associated foods with health. They hoped in vain that the green and golden concoctions of the alchemist would bring a cure."

The cure for scurvy was unknown until Dr James Lind of Scotland published "a treatment of the scurvy" in 1735.

Sailors were frequent sufferers from scurvy until it was discovered that they could be protected by citrus fruits — hence the term "limey" for British, from the lime juice rations that were given to seamen.

Ms Kybett, a native of Scotland who now lives in the United States, said the English of Henry's time had no techniques for preserving fruits and vegetables.

Nicander Nicias, an Italian who visited England in the last two years of Henry's life, commented on the "softish and unrestrained" appetites of the natives. Another Italian at the time remarked that fruit was scarce, "because they lack the great heat of summer."

The English, at least those who could read and afford books, had been warned against fruits. In "Castel of Health," published in 1539, the physician Sir Thomas Elyot had warned that fruits "do ingenere ylle humours and be ofteynes the cause of purifed fevers, if they me moche and contanually eaten often and regularly."

Judging from armours made for Henry in later life, his waist had ballooned to 54 inches (137 centimetres), just three inches (eight centimetres) less than his chest. In his younger days, the king had a trim 35-inch (89-centimetre) waist and a chest of 42 inches (107 centimetres).

It was once believed that Henry, who died at age 56, succumbed to syphilis. Ms Kybett said that theory has been discredited because none of his children inherited the disease.

Wolsey, a victim of Henry's moods, died in 1530 while going to London to face trial for treason.

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Noriega waves to reporters. (Reuter wirephoto)

Fortune built on drugs

US unveils Noriega link

WASHINGTON, Sept 1, (Agencies): The United States, trying to loosen Gen. Manuel Noriega's grip on power in Panama, accused him of working with drug traffickers and amassing a multimillion-dollar fortune that includes luxurious homes, jets and yachts.

The charges, laid out yesterday by Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger before a special session of the Organisation of American States, came in response to a challenge last week by the Panamanian OAS representative to show proof of US allegations against Noriega, which he termed, "slander without proof".

The United States charged that Noriega aided in the smuggling of marijuana, protected cocaine shipments and participated in money-laundering, all while making a personal fortune of up to \$300 million.

Eagleburger said he would not publicly reveal details of the evidence that prompted two federal grand juries in Florida to indict Noriega on drug trafficking charges last year, but said he would give the material to the OAS secretary where it would be available for inspection by other members of the OAS.

Washington has waged a combined economic and diplomatic effort to force Noriega from power since his indictment, but it has had little apparent effect.

In recent months, there has been increased activity involving the US military forces stationed in Panama to protect the strategic canal and US military dependents have been withdrawn.

The government dominated by Noriega appointed controller Francisco Rodriguez as President yesterday after international mediation failed to help negotiate a change of power before a constitutional deadline.

The appointment of Rodriguez has stayed off a constitutional crisis but could worsen economic problems as Washington considers more sanctions to bring pressure on

Noriega.

US officials stated flatly that the only government Washington would recognise had to be headed by opposition presidential candidate Guillermo Endara, who they say would have won the May elections had they not been annulled by Noriega's government.

Any alternative to Endara would be "illegitimate and illegal" the official said.

Options said to be under consideration as a result of Rodriguez's appointment include a trade embargo, a halt on wire bank transfers between the United States and Panama and an order barring Panamanian flagged vessels from US ports.

Washington originally levied a series of economic sanctions against Panama starting in March, 1988, shortly after then-President Eric Delvalle was ousted for trying to fire Noriega as military chief and de facto ruler.

At least \$296 million have been diverted from the Panamanian government as a result, US sources said.

But the sanctions are controversial because they have hurt Panama's economy without achieving their goal of forcing Noriega out of power.

Diplomats here said that of the new sanctions under consideration, the trade embargo and bank transfer ban seemed unlikely choices because of their enormous and long-term negative impact on industry and the economy.

The shipping ban is said to be more popular because it would target the Panamanian government, which earns an estimated \$70 million a year by registering ships under its flag.

But at the same time, the measure could force some shippers to re-register entire fleets and would probably be met with fierce resistance from the shipping industry.

In the meantime, Washington has already started pressuring Noriega financially in different ways.

Violent protest at NY killing

NEW YORK, Sept 1, (Reuter): Demonstrators angry over the racial killing of a black teenager battled police during a protest march through Brooklyn last night and forced the closure of the Brooklyn Bridge for two hours.

Police said 23 police officers were injured in battles with marchers, estimated to number up to 7,000. Most of the marchers were blacks protesting against the murder last week in Brooklyn of 16-year-old Yusef Hawkins by a gang of white youths.

Police closed off the Brooklyn Bridge across the East River between the boroughs of Brooklyn and Manhattan, snarling already heavy evening rush-hour traffic.

Earlier yesterday, Joseph Fama, 18, a major suspect in the Hawkins murder, was returned to New York City from the upstate town of Oneonta, where he had surrendered in the early morning hours, a police spokesman said.

Battle to be black won

DENVER, Sept 1, (AP): A light-skinned woman has won her battle to be designated black, even though her parents listed her as white on her birth certificate in an attempt to help her overcome racial bias.

A judge on Wednesday directed Kansas officials to issue a new birth certificate for 39-year-old Mary Christine Walker, who was born in Great Bend, Kansas.

"I'm glad it's over," said the former Denver public school teacher, who always called herself black. "I'm very thrilled."

Her attorney, Penfield Tate II, said Kansas' current birth certificates do not designate race, so her new one will have no race on it at all. "But that is fine with us," he said.

The order came from US District Judge John Brooks of Denver, who heard Walker's plea to stop the illusion that she was white, a well-intentioned deception she said her parents started.

Hawkins was buried on Wednesday after an emotional, bitter funeral service at which black leaders said he was a victim of racism and white political leaders including Mayor Edward Koch and Governor Mario Cuomo were jeered.

Hawkins was shot twice in the chest and died at the scene. Two youths have already been charged with Hawkins' murder but investigators have said they believe Fama was the gunman.

car, were set upon by a gang of up to 30 whites armed with baseball bats. Neighbourhood residents said the whites were looking for a black youth dating a white woman in the area.

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Penalties escalate: Penalties against drug use in the United States have escalated dramatically since crack cocaine began appearing in the nation's cities about five years ago. All signs suggest that the tougher laws haven't been

enough to discourage drug abuse from spreading, but there's little doubt that those who are caught are paying a high price.

In Tallahassee, Florida, recently, a 30-year-old man was sentenced to life in prison without parole for dealing crack. It was his first conviction.

In Indianapolis, a 28-year-old cocaine dealer was forbidden to marry or father children for four years. (AP)

The full text of the programme was published in Wednesday's official newspaper, Gramma. (Reuter)

Crack smoking mayor hurts drug fight

WASHINGTON, Sept 1, (UPI): Reports that Mayor Marion Barry smoked crack cocaine with a former city aide are hurting efforts to combat a drug epidemic in America's murder capital, city officials said yesterday.

The Washington Post, quoting unidentified sources, reported that former city aide Charles Lewis, a convicted drug dealer and friend of Barry, told authorities that he and Barry smoked "crack" at a city hotel last December.

The paper also said other witnesses had corroborated statements made by Lewis two weeks ago about additional drug use with Barry in the Virgin Islands. A television station broad-

cast a similar report.

"It's become a significant distraction," said city council member James Nathanson, responding to the latest reports linking the three-term mayor with drugs. "These allegations have ... hampered the functioning of the city."

Nathanson said, "unfortunately, the message to the young people is they can mess around with this stuff and still have a chance of obviously making it. Here's a man who's obviously made it ... he's the mayor of the District of Columbia."

Another city council member, Charlene Jarvis, said: "There's a clear and direct impact (on the city's youth), and it makes the slogan

"Just say no to drugs" seem very meaningless."

Barry's spokesman, John White, responded yesterday, "the mayor has said in the past he has never used any illegal drugs."

Barry, reportedly on vacation at an undisclosed location, had been expected back in the city today for a news conference by his new "drug czar."

But the news conference was suddenly cancelled by Barry's office yesterday. White said the mayor was not expected back until Sunday.

US Attorney Jay Stephens refused to comment on the reports about Barry yesterday, but said he asked the Justice Department "to con-

duct an inquiry to determine whether sensitive investigative information may have been disclosed..."

Sterling Tucker, a former city council chairman who was Barry's appointed new "drug czar," said the allegations will "absolutely not" cripple the city's fight against drugs.

Some city council members said Barry must take a close look at what another re-election campaign would do to a city already scarred by the nation's highest per capita murder rate — which passed 300 for the year this week. Police say about 60 per cent of the killings are drug related.

Israelis trained Galan's killers

WASHINGTON, Sept 1, (Agencies): Colombia's security chief has charged that Israeli mercenaries trained assassins hired by the cocaine cartel to murder presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galan.

In an interview with the Los Angeles Times in Colombia's capital of Bogota, Gen. Miguel Maza Marquez said of Galan's killing on Aug 18, "I know we can make a connection between that and Israeli-trained drug dealers."

Maza asserted there was "undeniable evidence" Israelis had trained the drug dealers "death squads."

He said a witness to Galan's assassination — himself a former member of a drug-sponsored paramilitary group — stated he had trained under Israelis with the three suspects now in custody for Galan's murder.

Moreover, the senior Colombian security officials said one of the characters on a seized videotape showing assassination and demolition techniques had been identified as Alfredo Vaqueiro.

Previously he had been identified only by the code-name "Vladimir."

Maza said Vaqueiro, arrested 10 days ago and charged with several Colombian judges' murders, had told police "hustlers" were Israelis.

Maza's agents captured the 46-minute tape in a raid on the house of Henry Perez, a suspected assassin recruiter for the Medellin cartel.

Previously mentioned as a "star" of the film was Israeli reserve Lt Col Yair Klein.

Klein reportedly has told Israeli police that although drug kingpins were clearly evident in the film — which he admitted producing — he thought the training was being used only by innocent ranchers set by right-wing bandits.

One part of the film shows shoutings in unison, "I want vengeance, much vengeance, I want blood, much blood."

It was the death of Galan, a leading candidate in Colombia's upcoming presidential elections, that sparked the government's massive anti-drug effort and led to the drug barons' "declaring total war, on all who opposed them."

That campaign led to the drug dealers sending to the authorities a copy of the same colour video training tape seized by Maza's forces.

The drug dealers apparently had sought to frighten the government into backing off its highly-publicised fight against the brutal cocaine lords.

Plan

The Israeli mercenaries suspected of training drug-financed Colombia hit squads were enlisted by cocaine traffickers to train special paramilitary units.

The latest report linking foreign mercenaries with Colombian drug cartels came amid renewed efforts by the Israeli government to distance itself from the scandal.

Hawkish Israeli Trade Minister Ariel Sharon has defended former Israeli soldiers accused of training hit squads for Colombian drug cartels.

■ A leading British newspaper confirmed yesterday that Israel's "murky" links with Latin America are not new and go back a long way.

The Financial Times' newspaper reported that close links with the region, with Central America in particular, go back to the 1930s and '40s, when the Somoza regime in Nicaragua provided diplomatic passports to agents of the Haganah, the unofficial Jewish Army, in order to allow them to buy arms for the Arab-Israeli war in Palestine in 1948.



Death for a ransom

A Colombian special policeman views the bodies of two of the six people killed when police rescued kidnapped industrialist Andrew Klein yesterday. Among the six dead was a woman. Police said the

kidnappers had been seeking a ransom for Klein who was freed unharmed after the 15-minute gun battle. (Reuter wirephoto)

Colombian drug lords vow to escalate war

13 injured in factory bomb blast

BOGOTA, Sept 1, (Agencies): A bombing in the cocaine stronghold of Medellin has raised fears that drug lords will kill more people in a campaign of terror mounted against Colombia's anti-narcotics offensive.

The United States said it would send military personnel to train Colombians to use millions of dollars worth of US equipment against the drug traffickers. Both governments, however, said the US soldiers would not engage in any combat role.

Thirty-three pounds (15 kilograms) of dynamite — strapped in a box to the back of an ice cream vendor's bicycle — exploded at a paint

factory yesterday and injured 13 people, police said.

The bomb, which touched off a huge fire at the factory, wounded 13 people and damaged 50 cars and 12 other buildings, police said. Only three of the injured remained hospitalized last night, they said.

The bombing in Colombia's second-largest city was the latest in a two-week wave of killings, arsons and bombings by drug traffickers in retaliation for the government crackdown.

An anonymous caller told radio stations that the group of Extraditables, Colombia's cocaine barons, carried out yesterday's bombing and that there would be more attacks.

"At nightime, when bombs are placed there are few victims, but there will be more victims now because we will place the bombs at daytime when there are more people in the city," the caller told radio networks Caracol and RCN.

The Extraditables issued a statement Aug 24 declaring "total war" on the government. The group apparently speaks on behalf of the 12 Colombians the United States wants extradited to stand trial on drug charges.

In Washington, US officials said yesterday that some of the \$65 million worth of equipment pledged by President George Bush to Colombia's offensive should begin arriving Sunday. The first US military personnel were to arrive today.

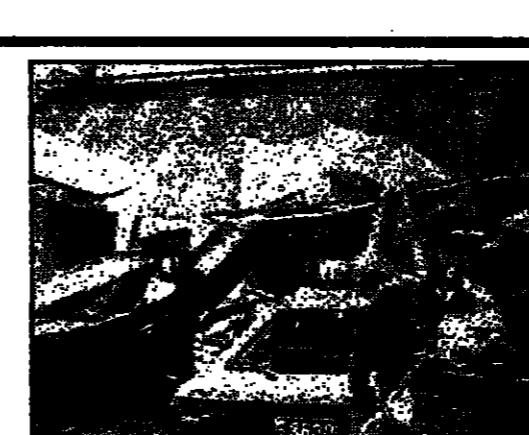
The US Defense Department said yesterday that two C-130 military transport planes will be among the first shipments. Spokesman Pete Williams said 200 US military personnel will be involved in operations from training to unloading.

Also yesterday, the Colombian government said that under emergency rules, judges' identities would be kept secret in drug cases. Since 1980, 220 judges and court officials have been slain in a campaign aimed at intimidating the dropping of drug cases.

Police officers and soldiers in camouflage patrolled Medellin streets with automatic rifles yesterday. A 10 pm - 6 am curfew, begun Wednesday, remained in effect for the 2.5 million population and eight nearby towns.

Colombia's National Security Council met last night to decide whether to extend the anti-drug curfew to other cities, according to the independently produced network TV news programme "24 hours."

In Bogota, authorities announced the arrest of a man believed to be Galan's assassin. Police said the suspect, identified as Alvaro Delgado Posso, was apprehended Tuesday near the airport at Cartagena, a Caribbean coast city.



Car bomb explosion

A powerful bomb exploded yesterday near a car dealer injuring five people. The attack is the latest in a drug-related terrorist wave that followed Colombia's stiff anti-drug campaign. (Reuter wirephoto)

enough to discourage drug abuse from spreading, but there's little doubt that those who are caught are paying a high price.

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Cuban minister sentenced: A three-judge military tribunal found former minister of interior General Jose Abrahantes guilty on charges stemming from a drug-trafficking scandal that rocked Cuba in July and sentenced him to 20 years in prison.

Six of Abrahantes' aides were given lesser sentences.

The official newspaper Gramma said today the sentences were handed down yesterday afternoon. The trial ended last Sunday. (Reuter)

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Information withheld: Cuba's former Minister of Interior, General Jose Abrahantes, withheld information that could have led to the early discovery of drug traffickers within his ministry, the island's Justice Minister charged in a statement released on Wednesday.

Justice Minister Juan Escalosa told a national television audience on Monday that Abrahantes had received a written report from an unnamed Interior Ministry general on February 25 concerning the involvement of Lieutenant Colonel Antonio De La Guardia in drug-trafficking activities.

The full text of the programme was published in Wednesday's official newspaper, Gramma. (Reuter)

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Love don't live here anymore

Anne, Phillips separate

Crack in the royal family

LONDON, Sept. 1, (AP): Princess Anne, the only daughter of Queen Elizabeth II, is separating from her husband, Capt. Mark Phillips, Buckingham Palace has announced.

The 39-year-old princess and her 40-year-old husband, who have been married for 15 years, do not plan to divorce, the announcement said.

The Queen, on holiday at Balmoral in Scotland, was described by royal sources to be "obviously saddened" but understanding of the couple's decision, according to Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency.

"Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal, and Captain Mark Phillips have decided to separate on terms agreed between them," the announcement said. "There are no plans for divorce proceedings."

The terms of the separation were not disclosed but Anne will continue to live at the couple's home, Gatcombe Park, in Gloucestershire. Phillips will move to another house nearby, the palace said.

The couple's children, Peter, 11, and Zara, eight, will live with their mother at Gatcombe and Phillips will have full access to them, the palace said.

The separation had been disclosed on Wednesday night by Phillips' father, Maj. Peter Phillips.

Rumours of trouble in the marriage date back to 1981. In recent years Anne and Phillips have spent periods of up to six months apart.

Speculation that their marriage was on the rocks arose most recently in April, after personal letters written to Anne by a 35-year-old aide to the Queen, naval Cmdr. Timothy Fairfren, were stolen and sent to the tabloid *The Sun*.

The letters by Fairfren, were not published. But commentators said the fact that he was named by the palace as a sign that officials had stopped trying to pretend the princess's marriage was stable.

Phillips' name has been linked romantically with several women in British tabloid reports in recent years.

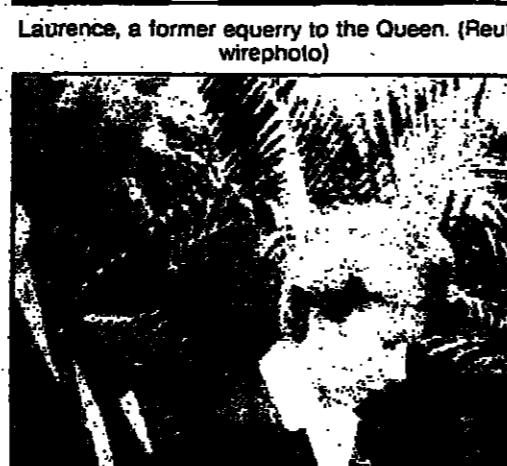
Princess Margaret, 59, the Queen's only sister, was divorced in 1978 from photographer Lord Snowdon. He was remarried. She has not.

As in the case of Anne, who is sixth in line to the throne, the palace repeatedly denied that Margaret's marriage was in trouble.

A common view that has taken hold this century is that the royal family, as a symbol of national unity, is supposed to set an example for the nation.

Before Margaret's divorce, British news media often depicted the royals as the ideal family. But the divorce showed they could not meet that expectation and cost them some of the unquestioning respect they had enjoyed.

Snipping at the royals — their glamorous, privileged lives, their wealth and the taxpayers' money they receive to help carry out their duties — now is common.



Laurence, a former equerry to the Queen. (Reuter wirephoto)

Escorted by members of IOC, Anne enters the conference room. (Reuter wirephoto)

The scuttle-butt

Royal split no surprise

MINCHINHAMPTON, England, Sept. 1, (AP): The neighbours were sympathetic but not surprised yesterday when they heard Princess Anne was separating from her husband, Capt. Mark Phillips.

"It was on the cards, wasn't it?" said Beryl Marlow, who paused in the main square of this village in southwest England, near where the royal couple have their estate.

Buckingham Palace announced the separation yesterday, but said the 39-year-old princess and her 40-year-old husband, married for 15 years, do not plan to divorce.

"It is sad, but it is just one of those things. I think Captain Mark should stay on the estate to be close to his children. They should have their father close by." Mrs. Marlow said.

"Everyone is sad because the couple were well liked here. Princess Anne is very down-to-earth and he is an extremely nice person."

Shopkeeper Adele Kirk also expressed no surprise, but had different advice for Phillips.

"I cannot see any point in the captain staying on the estate," she said. "They have been leading separate lives, so why not move down the road?"

Steve Haines, a bus driver from the nearby village of Sapperton, expressed surprise that the breakup had not occurred earlier.

"They are just two completely different people," he said.

"She is off around the world all the time and he is is quite happy trotting along with his gee-gees (horses). They cannot have had a lot in common."

"They were so much apart," said Liz Bennett, who was glad Phillips was staying nearby. "If there is hope for the marriage, then at least they are fairly close."

Former international horseman Mike Tucker, who runs a dairy farm in Tetbury, about three miles (five kilometers) from the royal estate, said he had seen the couple three weeks ago at an equestrian meet.

"They were certainly talking to each other. I wasn't aware of any impending change," he said.

Tucker said the couple had worked hard to improve their home.

"When they moved into Gatcombe, it hadn't been lived in for about 30 years," he said.

"They have made a marvellous transformation. The whole estate is far better now than when they move there."



Library picture of Anne and Phillips on their wedding day, Nov. 14, 1973, leaving Westminster Abbey. (Reuter wirephoto)

Royal love story has unhappy ending

Anne overcame her haughty image

LONDON, Sept. 1, (AP): The love of horses that initially drew Princess Anne and Capt. Mark Phillips together wasn't enough to sustain their marriage after 15 years.

The 39-year-old daughter of Queen Elizabeth II and her 40-year-old husband both remain involved in the equestrian world, but have drifted apart in the past decade with rumours of marital troubles surfacing repeatedly since 1981.

Once the most unpopular of Britain's royals, the Queen's only daughter is now admired for her charity work, including grueling travels to visit children in poor, war-torn Third World countries.

Phillips, who was never at ease with royal duties, has devoted himself to farming and various equestrian-related business interests, including his own equestrian centre in Scotland and schools for young riders in Britain and overseas.

They have been spending up to half the year apart. On their 15th wedding anniversary last Nov. 15, Anne attended a Buckingham Palace ball while Mark was giving riding lessons in Australia.

When news of their separation was reported Wednesday night, he was at their Gatcombe Park home estate in western England and she was more than 3,000 miles (4,800 kilometers) away in Puerto Rico attending an International Olympic Committee meeting.

Their marriage at Westminster Abbey on Nov. 14, 1973, watched by more than 500 million television viewers worldwide, climaxed a seemingly storybook romance of a dashing commoner and an independent-minded princess.

She had already made headlines in the swinging '60s for wearing mini-skirts and dancing onstage with the cast of the rock musical "Hair."

A captain in the Queen's Dragoon Guards, Mark met Anne in 1968 at a dinner for the British Olympic riding team — they both have been in equestrian

teams at the Olympics. Their relationship became serious in 1972.

Their marriage was followed by the births of two children Peter, now 11, and Zara, 8.

By the late 1970s, Anne had the reputation of being rude and intolerant, more fond of horses than people. Tabloid newspapers labeled the princess "her royal haughtiness."

The image began to thaw in 1982 with her tour on behalf of the Save the Children Fund to seven African countries and Beirut. Impressed by her

home weeks at a time.

Tall and blonde, Queen Elizabeth's only daughter has shunned the glamorous image preferred by her sisters-in-law Princess Diana and the Duchess of York, opting for the plain style which better suits her lifestyle.

Unflappable and cool, she has survived kidnap plots, won prizes at international equestrian events and brought up her son Peter and daughter Zara, in a typical no-nonsense manner.

But the princess has never fully come to terms with the pressures of her royal role, telling an interviewer in December 1988 that "I simply wasn't her image of a princess."

She inherited a salty humour from her father Prince Philip and, always one for plain speaking, she once surprised a crowd in Australia by remarking loudly: "I can't see in this bloody wind."

Shedding a reputation for arrogance, Anne was anointed a royal darling by the popular press in 1980s after they discovered what one called her new caring image while on missions to Asia and Africa.

A 1988 survey rated her Britain's third most popular royal behind Prince Charles and the Queen Mother.

wildlife.

Possessed of a biting wit, Anne says she never wanted to be the prettiest, sweetest or most loved of the royals, preferring to do something constructive for others.

Now the busiest member of the royal family after her mother, Anne is president or patron of more than 75 charities ranging from disabled riders to prison workers, plus 23 military groups and six trade guilds.

NEWS IN BRIEF



Making music



Parading elephants

Commission to resolve: Solidarity leader Lech Wałęsa said a commission should be formed to resolve a Jewish-Catholic conflict over a Carmelite convent at the former Auschwitz death camp, a controversy he called a "shame."

An American rabbi said Jews should not have boycotted a "world day of peace" conference yesterday marking 50 years since World War II's outbreak, saying the event could have helped heal any rift the controversy might have opened. (UPI)

Court sentences: A Czechoslovak court yesterday sentenced a would-be hijacker to 13 years in prison for trying to force a domestic flight to West Germany, the state CTK news agency reported.

The court in Plzeň, about 130 kilometers (80 miles) southwest of Prague, found Bohuslav Bendl guilty of threatening the crew and passengers ... with a dummy hand grenade, with the intention of ... diverting the flight to the Federal Republic of Germany, said CTK. (AP)



Fond farewell

US President George Bush and Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney bid farewell as First Lady Barbara Bush walks by them. Mulroney was ending his two-day visit to Bush's vacation home in Kennebunkport, Maine. (Reuter wirephoto)

Reactor to restart: The Department of Energy will recommend restarting the Savannah River tritium-producing reactor in July 1990, the Washington Post reported in yesterday's editions.

The report, quoting unnamed government sources, said the decision to restart the reactor was made after a lengthy safety and technical review. The reactor in Aiken, South Carolina, was closed for safety reasons a year ago.

Tritium, a gas, is used to boost a weapon's explosive force. (AP)

Chainsaw killing: Tahiti police are investigating the chainsaw killing of a man believed to be a thief of rare black pearls.

Police returning from Takaroa Atoll, a two-hour flight from Tahiti's capital, Papeete, said Adrien Dexter was hacked to death three weeks ago.

The killer, believed to be pearl farmers, sliced off his hands and feet and mauled his body. (Reuter)

AIDS on the rise: The number of reported AIDS victims in the United States rose above 100,000 last month and more than 3,000 new cases were recorded in other areas, mainly Africa and Western Europe, the World Health Organization said today. (AP)

Officials acknowledge: Communist officials acknowledged yesterday that 77-year-old East German leader Erich Honecker was recovering "very slowly" from a gall-bladder operation but rejected speculation that he has cancer. (AP)

The mass-circulation West German newspaper Bild, however, said Honecker was "struggling with death."

UFO sighting: An unidentified flying object has been sighted over the Caspian Sea peninsula of Mangyshlak, it was reported here today.

The *Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya* newspaper said residents of the area spoke of a huge object flying above the peninsula and is believed extraterrestrial. (KUNA)

Manpower slump: Britain's Armed Forces are suffering a manpower slump and a recruiting crisis, it was disclosed today.

Numbers of the army, navy and Royal Air Force have plummeted by nearly 8,000 over the past year, and the situation seems certain to worsen, the British media said. (KUNA)

American composer Leonard Bernstein conducts the Polish National Radio and Television Symphony Orchestra Thursday in Warsaw. The orchestra is scheduled to perform a concert Friday in observance of the anniversary of the outbreak of World War II. (Reuter wirephoto)

Rabbi plans to sue: The New York rabbi beaten at Auschwitz during a protest against the presence of a convent there said yesterday he was planning to sue Poland's Cardinal Józef Glemp for defamation.

An attorney for Rabbi Avi Weiss said he would have legal papers served on Glemp when the cardinal visits the United States late next month.

The attorney, Harvard Law School professor Alan Dershowitz, told Reuters he was also searching for a Polish lawyer to bring a defamation suit against Glemp in Poland. (Reuter)

Finland calls: Finland is calling a conference of Arctic nations next month to discuss protecting the frozen northern environment, in a meeting made possible by a change in Soviet attitude toward the environment, a Foreign Ministry official said.

"The Soviets used to consider pollution a capitalist vice, but no longer, and they have shown a willingness to reduce their own trans-boundary pollution in the Kola peninsula," said Esko Rajakoski. "Three or four years ago such a conference would have been impossible." (AP)

Pleads innocent: A third defendant pleaded

innocent yesterday to charges he and five other men conspired to violate US export laws by selling sophisticated computer gear to the Soviet Union.

Shiv Mohan of New Delhi, India, entered the plea before US Magistrate Philip K. Swigert, who set trial for Oct. 16, the US attorney's office here said. (AP)

INTERNATIONAL

\$1m detector fails to spot some small bombs

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1. (AP): A \$1-million bomb detector that the Federal Aviation Administration starts operating today at a New York airport is not sensitive enough to spot an explosion like the one that destroyed Pan Am Flight 103 last December, science magazine reports.

The magazine, the Journal for the American Association for the Advancement of Science, said the bomb detector,

called Thermal Neutron Analysis device, or TNA, is being set at a sensitivity that will uncover about 2.5 pounds (1.1 kilograms) of plastic explosives.

Science said that British experts believe the bomb that brought down Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, on Dec. 21 contained only about one pound (0.45 kilogramme) of explosive. The crash killed 270 people.

A TNA bomb detector has been installed in a special building at Kennedy International Airport in New York and will go into operation for international TWA flights today, FAA officials said. The agency said that it wants US airlines to spend about half a billion dollars to install 491 of the machines at international airports over the next five years.

The bomb finder is a 10-tonne, 13-

foot-long (4-metre-long) machine. It uses neutrons, a type of sub-atomic particle, to probe luggage for the presence of nitrogen, a major component of explosives. The luggage passes through the machine on a conveyor belt and if nitrogen of a certain level is detected, the machine indicates the source, enabling operators to separate suspicious bags.

Science said the machine is so mas-

sive that it requires special construction to install, increasing the cost of deploying the machine.

A problem with the system is that some types of fabric, leather and such things as plastic ski boots can have nitrogen densities as high as explosives.

This sensitivity, the magazine said, will produce a false alarm rate of about five per cent. On a fully-loaded Jumbo

jet, such a false alarm rate would represent about 30 pieces of luggage that would require special handling, the magazine said.

Raymond Salazar, the director of the office of civil aviation security for the FAA, acknowledged that the false alarm rate for the detector that goes into operation today could be as high as five per cent, but he declined to discuss the level of sensitivity used in the device.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pilot overreacted

LONDON, Sept. 1. (AP): The pilot of a US jumbo jet with 450 people aboard overreacted to an engine failure last February, causing the jet to fly dangerously close to the ground, a government report said Wednesday.

The report by the air accident investigation branch of the Department of Transport recommended that continental airlines review some of its safety procedures.

According to the report, the pilot on Feb. 1 pulled the aircraft nose up so sharply when an outer starboard engine failed on takeoff from London's Gatwick airport that the plane almost stalled.

Papandreu willing

ATHENS, Sept. 1. (Reuters): Greece's defeated former Premier Andreas Papandreu said on Wednesday his socialists were willing to do a deal with communists in national polls in late October.

Papandreu, whose Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) was dealt a crushing defeat in June parliamentary elections, said the socialists and the communists should join forces to keep the conservative New Democracy Party out of office.

The June 18 polls were inconclusive, with the communists emerging as power brokers, and Greece has been run since July 2 by an unprecedented conservative-communist coalition.

Tremor damage

ATHENS, Sept. 1. (AP): An earthquake registering 4.8 on the Richter Scale struck the region of Patras in western Greece today causing damage to 22 buildings but no injuries, police said.

The Athens Geodynamic Institute reported that the tremor occurred at 12:29 am today (2129 GMT yesterday) with its epicentre 170 kilometers (105 miles) west of the capital, in the Peloponnesus Peninsula just south of the city of Patras.

A police spokesman in Patras said that 22 buildings in the city had been damaged. Two apartment blocks suffered cracks on the ground floor, he said.

US sergeant indicted

BONN, Sept. 1. (UPI): The West German authorities indicted a former US Army sergeant on a charge of treason for allegedly selling top secret nuclear and other military plans to communist governments in Eastern Europe, an official statement said today.

The state prosecutor's office said Clyde Lee Conrad, from Berwick, Ohio, had received over \$1 million from the Hungarian and Czechoslovak governments for betraying US military secrets.

Jews demonstrate

ROME Sept. 1. (Reuters): Some 500 Soviet Jews demonstrated outside the US embassy in Rome today to press demands for visas to enter the United States as refugees.

A spokeswoman for the protesters said they were stranded in Italy because the US Immigration and Naturalization Service had rejected their applications to enter as refugees from religious persecution.

Panda gives birth

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1. (AP): Ling-Ling, the national zoo's giant panda who had lost all four of her previous cubs, gave birth to a tiny offspring this morning.

"It seems to be healthy," zoo spokesman Mike Morgan said of the four-ounce (113-gram) cub, whose sex was not determined immediately.

Probe into killing

MASERU, Lesotho, Sept. 1. (AP): Leotso's military ruler, Maj. Gen. Justin Lekhanya, pursued and shot dead a college student whom he suspected of committing a rape, Lekhanya's lawyer said today.

A judicial inquiry into the killing has prompted calls for the resignation of Lekhanya, who took control of the tiny southern Africa kingdom in 1986 military coup.

Lekhanya had fatally shot George Ramone, 20, a student at the Lesotho Cultural college, last Dec. 23. Lekhanya's attorney Hendrikus Lantsheer told the inquest.

"Robo cruiser"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1. (UPI): A Navy commander, engaging in unusually frank public admissions, said the USS *Vincennes*, that shot down an Iranian airliner killing 290 people had been given the derogatory nickname "Robo cruiser" for its aggressive behaviour.

Cmdr. David Carlson of the frigate USS *Sierra*, which was in the Gulf at the time of the July 3, 1988, downing, wrote in the September issue of the US naval institute's magazine that the aggressiveness of the *Vincennes*, commanded by Capt. Will Rogers, was well known among naval officers in the area.

Disaster fund

LONDON, Sept. 1. (Reuters): A British war hero launched an international disaster fund today in the hope that remembrance of two world wars on the 50th anniversary of World War Two will spur gifts for future disasters.

Group captain Leonard Cheshire, who was Britain's highest decorated war hero, the Victoria Cross, as one of its most famous World War Two bomber pilots, said he would like to raise five pounds (eight dollars) for each life lost in World Wars One and Two.

Officials sacked

MOSCOW, Sept. 1. (Reuters): A number of senior officials of the Soviet Estonian Communist Party were replaced today in the wake of Kremia warning against excesses in the three Baltic republic's pursuit of political and economic autonomy.

But according to a spokesman for Estonia's television, two of the top figures sacked were among the more conservative members of the Republic party leadership.

Europe honours victims of WW II

Nazi onslaught remembered

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Sept. 1. (Agencies): Europeans today paid solemn tribute to the millions of victims of World War II, which started exactly 50 years ago when a German warship opened fire on a tiny Polish garrison.

In Bonn, Chancellor Helmut Kohl reminded parliament and a group of special guests from Poland of the "unspeakable suffering" caused by the Germans.

Kohl said Germany bore full responsibility for the war, which began with the Nazi invasion of Poland.

"Hitler wanted, planned and unleashed this war, there can be no doubt about that."

"This war... reached a dimension of horror that had never been seen before and must never be seen again," Kohl told the audience that included Warsaw's ambassador to Bonn and a group of Polish youths. "The wounds of the Second World War opened but have not healed even today."

All week, European newspapers have been filled with retrospectives and commentaries on Sept. 1, 1939, the day that Hitler unleashed the conflagration that claimed more than 50 million lives and spread to all parts of the globe.

By the time the war was over, the Nazis had shocked the world with the extermination of 6 million Jews and the United States had forever changed warfare by dropping nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

"We feel sorry for the unspeakable suffering which was caused to human beings and nations in the name of the Germans and by the hand of the Germans," Kohl told a special session of the West German parliament in Bonn.

The chancellor added: "We mourn for the many innocent victims from within our own people."

His audience included a group of young Poles in the visitors gallery. They had been invited as a sign of reconciliation between West Germany and Poland, which suffered more than any other country from the Nazi atrocities.

On the once-banned Solidarity movement flanked Communist President Wojciech Jaruzelski today as he paid homage to Westerplatte, the small Polish garrison that bore the first fierce Nazi onslaught of World War II.

"On this day of great national memories we look not only into the past but also into the future, into the near future and that which is still far ahead," said Jaruzelski, dressed in his heavily broadened army general's uniform.

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160 Muslims killed in Bulgaria

ISTANBUL, Sept 1. (Agencies): A leader of ethnic Turkish immigrants from Bulgaria claimed yesterday that 160 people were killed in the past month in clashes between Bulgarian security forces and the Pomak minority.

Mehmet Cavus, head of the Association for Culture and Solidarity of Balkan Turks, told a news conference that hundreds of Pomaks had been killed in the clashes in northern and southern Bulgaria.

Thousands had been imprisoned following

the fighting, he said.

He said his information was from reliable sources in Bulgaria but declined to identify them further, saying he did not want to endanger them.

Pomaks are a Bulgarian Muslim ethnic group numbering about 200,000.

The Associated Press, quoting diplomats in the Bulgarian capital of Sofia, reported last week that 15 people had been killed in fighting between security forces and Pomaks. The Pomaks were protesting refusal by the Sofia

government to give them passports to emigrate to Turkey, the diplomats said.

Cavus said the violence took place after Pomaks held rallies to protest the government's refusal to give them passports to emigrate.

■ A UN team has been on a fact-finding mission to inquire into the flight of hundreds of thousands of ethnic Turks who have fled into Turkey, a UN spokeswoman has disclosed.

US is behind trouble: China

BEIJING, Sept 1. (Agencies): President Ranasinghe Premadasa has offered to meet opposition parties and Sinhalese radicals in a bid to solve the island's ethnic strife, the government said yesterday.

The gathering will be aimed at finding "a consensus for reconciliation, peace and normalcy," government spokesman Ramil Wickremsinghe told reporters.

He said Premadasa will send invitations to leaders of the 22 political parties in Sri Lanka and decide on the meeting date later.

The decision follows calls by several political parties to end violence largely inspired by the People's Liberation Front, a Sinhalese guerrilla group leading an anti-government campaign.

Wickremsinghe said the meeting, for leaders of those parties, "will be open to anyone else, including the People's Liberation Front."

Minister of Public Security Wang Fang made the unusual accusation during a recent tour of Xinjiang, a vast desert area which is home to around seven million Muslims and borders the Soviet Union.

"Unstable elements in Xinjiang, mostly separatist forces — their source being from the United States and other countries — have not given up their spiritist and subversive secret plots," Wang said.

He was quoted in the Aug 26 edition of the Xinjiang Daily which reached Beijing today.

Wang did not elaborate but was apparently referring to occasional outbreaks of ethnic unrest among the region's Muslim minorities.

Uyghurs make up the largest group of about six million people and are almost equalled in number by Han Chinese who, appointed by Beijing, effectively control the region.

"We must strengthen education about national unity," Wang ordered.

Criticism

China came under formal United Nations criticism for the first time yesterday over its suppression of pro-democracy demonstration in June.

A UN human rights panel adopted a Western-backed draft resolution which, though worded mildly to improve its chances of passage, put pressure on the Chinese government and appealed for clemency for those detained.

The document said the panel was "concerned about the events which took place recently in China and about their consequences in the field of human rights."

It added an appeal for clemency, especially for people detained as a result of the crackdown.

Shu Wei, one of the last students to flee Tiananmen Square, ahead of Chinese tanks and troops on that bloody day in June, now says the leaders of the pro-democracy movement should be jailed.

Zhang Lin, who took part in the hunger strike on the vast Beijing square, said she is thankful for political education classes at her university, which gave her "a clear understanding" of the June 3-4 crackdown.

They were among a group of 13 students and officials from Qinghua University in Beijing who held a news conference today to express views of the student-led movement.

The public expressions mirrored statements in the official press by students expressing regret for being misled by "counter-revolutionaries" bent on overthrowing China's communist rule.

A Chinese youth who has taken refuge in Taiwan's embassy in Seoul because he fears prosecution at home has put the Taipei government in a diplomatic dilemma, an embassy spokesman said yesterday, in Seoul.

Prosecution

"The embassy is sort of a victim. We have a conflict between sympathy and law," said T.C. Chiang, an embassy spokesman.

The 20-year-old Chinese youth, Yang Po, spent his sixth day yesterday in the embassy. He says he faces prosecution in his homeland for anti-government activity.

■ Work on a \$250 million contract to modernise aviation equipment on Chinese-made F-8 fighter jets continues despite President George Bush's suspension of military sales to China, the chairman of Grumman Corp. Co. said.

■ China accused foreign journalists yesterday of inventing rumours about the health of senior leader Deng Xiaoping for who has not been seen in public for two weeks and has been reported to be seriously ill.

Premadasa bid to end violence

25 killed in retaliation

COLOMBO, Sept 1. (Agencies): President Ranasinghe Premadasa has offered to meet opposition parties and Sinhalese radicals in a bid to solve the island's ethnic strife, the government said yesterday.

The gathering will be aimed at finding "a consensus for reconciliation, peace and normalcy," government spokesman Ramil Wickremsinghe told reporters.

He said Premadasa will send invitations to leaders of the 22 political parties in Sri Lanka and decide on the meeting date later.

The decision follows calls by several political parties to end violence largely inspired by the People's Liberation Front, a Sinhalese guerrilla group leading an anti-government campaign.

Wickremsinghe said the meeting, for leaders of those parties, "will be open to anyone else, including the People's Liberation Front."

Meanwhile, suspected government groups killed 25 people in north-central Sri Lanka yesterday in retaliation for the killing of a police inspector, residents said today.

They said the victims were shot dead and their bodies dumped on the roadside at Poonawa village in Medawachchiya in the north-central province. Some were also burned.

Senior police and military officials at nearby Anuradhapura district denied the incident but some military sources confirmed privately that there had been a massacre. They could not give numbers.

The attack occurred a few hours after Ananda Ratnayake, officer-in-charge of Medawachchiya police station, was shot and killed in his jeep by suspected rebels while on patrol near the same Poonawa village.

Residents said they suspected pro-government groups, believed to include police and servicemen, were responsible for the killing.

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Little hope for missing 54

ISLAMABAD, Sept 1. (Reuter): Six days of search through mountainous Kashmir for a missing Pakistani airliner have left little hope of finding the 54 people on board alive.

"It's a very grim prospect now," a Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) spokesman said yesterday but added: "One cannot rule out any possibility."

At least 40 sorties by planes and helicopters have failed to find any trace of the Fokker-27, which disappeared last Friday after taking off from Gilgit for Islamabad.

A ground search is being carried out on the northern side of 8,126-metre (26,660-foot) Nanga Parbat from where the pilot sent his last radio message.

Fighting in Cambodia to escalate after Vietnam pulls out

BANGKOK, Thailand, Sept 1. (AP): Fighting in Cambodia is likely to intensify once Vietnamese troops withdraw next month, a Thai army spokesman said yesterday.

A month-long peace conference in Paris to end the 10-year conflict concluded with little progress on Wednesday.

Vietnam, which backs the government in Phnom Penh against a three-party guerrilla coalition, plans to go ahead with its pledged troop withdrawal by Sept 27.

Thai army spokesman Lt. Gen. Naruedol

Depradiyuth told a monthly news conference that he doubted the Vietnamese pullout would be a complete one. Nevertheless, he predicted it would intensify fighting as the guerrillas stepped up their bid to gain control of parts of Cambodia.

A Hanoi radio broadcast Tuesday said the guerrillas were already trying to push troops and civilians into the Cambodian interior.

This was an attempt "to provide a legal status for the so-called resistance ... before a ceasefire takes effect and elections are held,"

it said. A transcript of the broadcast was received in Bangkok yesterday.

The guerrilla coalition, which includes the radical communist Khmer Rouge, operates from a string of base camps along the Thai border.

The Khmer Rouge, led by Pol Pot, killed hundreds of thousands of Cambodians during its rule between 1975 and 1978. Western analysts consider them the strongest coalition



High-flying stunt

Father and son, Johnny (right) and Tony Kazian perform a stunt on the wing of their Waco bi-plane over the city centre of Cleveland. The family duo were promoting the Cleveland National Air Show which starts Sept. 2. (Reuter wirephoto)

Lesser US role in Japan sought

TOKYO, Sept 1. (Agencies): The Japan Socialist Party will seek to reduce the US defence role in this country as well as continue to oppose military force, nuclear weapons and atomic power, party chairman Takao Doi said today.

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Cholera outbreak

Six Vietnamese boat people were confirmed as having cholera and another 15 were under observation in hospital, triggering fears of an epidemic in Hong Kong's often squalid camps.

Three new cases were confirmed yesterday, adding to those diagnosed on Wednesday. A government spokesman said 15 people suspected of having contracted the disease were under observation in hospital.

Picture shows a Vietnamese boat child infected with cholera taken into a hospital. (Reuter wirephoto)



Released

Leah Tutu (right), the wife of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, was released on Thursday. She was arrested along with 200 other women who tried to march against South African repression. (Reuter wirephoto)

Ties upgraded

BUENOS AIRES, Sept 1. (UPI): Argentina and Britain upgraded their interest sections in London and Buenos Aires yesterday in the latest step toward re-establishing diplomatic relations, severed during the Falkland Islands war of 1982.

"There is a great satisfaction on both sides," said Matias Ordóñez, chief of cabinet at the Argentine Foreign Ministry after he met with Alan Hunt, the top British diplomat stationed in Buenos Aires.

Jose Maria Oregui, head of the Foreign Ministry's department for Malvinas (Falklands) and South Atlantic Affairs, was host to the meeting.

India to develop

NEW DELHI, Sept 1. (KUNA): India will be the first country in the world to develop thorium enriched fuel, according to official sources here.

The sources said that the development and testing of uranium 233 fuel plates at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre in Bombay recently, India has come nearer to the utilisation of its vast thorium resources in generating power.

Thorium, available in plenty on the country's beaches, is not itself a nuclear fuel but has to be irradiated with fast neutrons to convert it into uranium 233 having a high burning efficiency.

Leader elected

JAKARTA, Sept 1. (Reuter): Indonesia's only Muslim-based political party has chosen a man known for his religious devotion as leader, despite calls from the country's senior leaders to diminish its Islamic leanings.

The United Development Party (PPP) has lost favour with Indonesians in recent years, but political analysts said yesterday's election could reverse that trend.

Ismail Hasan Metareum will lead the PPP for the next five years, replacing the flamboyant Jallan Naro who

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moved away from the Muslim grassroots in his 10 years as leader and saw the party's support dwindle in consequence.

Expulsion ordered

TOKYO, Sept 1. (AP): Japan issued its first deportation order Wednesday for Chinese job-seekers who landed here pretending to be Vietnamese refugees, officials said.

The first order was for Xu Weinong, 30, who admitted he boarded a Vietnamese refugee boat in hopes of finding a job in Japan, said Hideo Daian, spokesman of the Justice Ministry's Immigration Office in Fukuoka, on the southernmost main island of Kyushu.

Xu, considered an illegal immigrant, was among six Chinese discovered among 107 Vietnamese who arrived in southwestern Japan aboard a wooden boat on May 29, Daian said.

Narcotics haul

TOKYO, Sept 1. (AP): Police today announced the country's second biggest haul of illegal stimulant narcotics, saying they seized 13.27 kilograms (29.19 pounds) of drugs with an estimated street value of \$15.5 million dollars.

Arrested on suspicion of drug possession were Pak Chong-Soo, 37, a South Korean national, and Frank Teruchi Nakamura in Tokyo.

The seizure is second to the confiscation last April of 151 kilograms (332.2 pounds) of stimulant drugs in Fukuoka, southwestern Japan, according to police records.

Chemical explosion

TAIPEI, Taiwan, Sept 1. (AP): A chemical warehouse in a residential area exploded today, killing seven people including two pregnant women, police said.

Police in Taichung, about 160 kilometres (100 miles) southwest of Taipei, said the pre-dawn blast was caused by chemicals and other materials stored in the warehouse.

The victims were all residents living in nearby houses struck by the force of the blast, police said. They said three residents were hospitalised with serious burns.

Giant mooncake

Kuwait, Egypt agree to step up co-operation

Collective settlement for Third World debt proposed

On Sept. 1, OPECNAE, Kuwait and Egypt have agreed to strengthen bilateral co-operation following a three-day visit by HH the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah.

In a joint statement winding up the talks, the two sides expressed satisfaction at the "positive" trend of bilateral co-operation and agreed to "take the necessary steps" to further broaden relations.

It highlighted progress on projects being financed in Egypt by the Kuwait

Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) and said the two sides had agreed to explore possibilities for implemented further schemes.

Trade

Kuwait has already agreed to extend a \$33.7 million soft loan to Egypt to finance an iron and steel project, while under a separate trade agreement customs privileges in both countries will be improved.

HH the Amir was in Egypt on his first visit in 14 years, as part of efforts to boost bilateral ties.

Trade between the two states amounted to \$37 million last year. Egyptian exports to Kuwait include fruit, vegetables, tobacco and medicines, while Kuwait supplies Egypt with electrical and household goods.

Kuwaiti investments in Egypt are estimated to be higher than those by any other Arab country.

The joint statement pointed out that HH the Amir expressed confidence that the election of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak as Chairman of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) would strengthen Afro-Arab Co-operation.

It also said that President Mubarak had paid tribute to the work of the Amir in his capacity as Chairman of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC).

The statement noted that the two

leaders had discussed the foreign debt problem in developing countries and stressed the need for the United Nations General Assembly to reach a "collective settlement, acceptable to all."

It was also expressed by both sides that the forthcoming summit of the Non-Aligned Movement would "take a step towards upgrading its methods in handling important issues and to cope with developments in the international arena."

Total GCC national manpower only 18pc

Productive workers for development

TOTAL manpower of the GCC states accounts for only 18 per cent of total manpower, according to statistics undertaken in 1986.

All GCC states are equally affected by this shortage of their national manpower in all sectors, according to Dr Yousef Khalil, professor at the faculty of political sciences and economy at the UAE University. Statistics, he said, indicated that the national population in the UAE amounted to only 26 per cent of the total population, in Qatar it totalled 27 per cent, and in Kuwait 40 per cent, according to statistics taken in 1986. (It was, however, announced in Kuwait officially this year that the Kuwaiti population does not exceed 28 per cent of the total population).

The official added that the national manpower in the UAE does not exceed 12 per cent of the total manpower, in Bahrain it is only 43 per cent, in Kuwait 19 per cent, Saudi Arabia 8 per cent, Oman 13 per cent and Qatar 41

percent.

As a consequence of the manpower resources in the GCC states being very limited, participation of the national manpower in the GCC states will remain very limited. Khalil attributed this to the fact that 41 per cent of the Gulf citizens are under 15 years of age and cannot as yet contribute to the workforce.

He went on to state that due to an increase in revenues from the oil income Gulf citizens prefer to work in the government sector and escape from the uncertainties of the economic crisis which has affected the private sector since the 1980's.

Khalil pointed out that the GCC states still depend on a great extent on oil income and this is not a healthy situation since oil is a finite source.

Additionally, he commented that we should not forget the oil crisis which appeared in the beginning of the 1980's and its consequences. As a result, the development programmes and projects in the GCC states are

still adversely affected. The major obstacle to the GCC state's development projects is the low percentage of national manpower compared to expatriates.

Meanwhile, Kuwaiti Minister of Planning, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi has said that Kuwait is the only Arab country in which the non-Kuwaiti individual enjoys the right of having permanent residence as long as he works. He added that any proposal related to granting to permanent residence for non-Kuwaitis will be restricted by this condition (as long as the individual is working) because every human being has the right to enjoy stability.

The coming plans, the official said will encourage productive workers who are needed for development projects. This will lead to evolving the principle of selective immigration. Translated, this would mean that manpower will be brought into the country which would enhance development projects.

Preparations on

Second GCC conference on petrochemicals in March

THE GCC General Secretariat and the Gulf Petrochemicals Industries Co. of Bahrain began their preparations to host the second GCC Petrochemicals and Chemical Fertilizers marketing conference scheduled to be held in Manama in March next year. The conference aims at discussing matters of mutual importance related to sides involved in marketing petrochemicals and fertilizers in GCC states.

It also aims at increasing co-operation between the petrochemical industries in GCC and marketing authorities. The conference will also discuss co-operation between the GCC marketing authorities concerning exports to international markets. The conference will also discuss issues relating to encouraging petrochemicals exports, ways to promote bank financing to such exports and invite public and private establishments to invest in this field and in petrochemical industries.

Review

General Manager of the Gulf Petrochemical Industries Co., Mustafa Ali said that the conference will review a number of study papers, including a paper on the challenges of the 90s in the field of petrochemicals in the GCC states. He added that the conference will discuss the role of the manufacturing companies in developing local industry. He added that the conference will also discuss investment opportunities in small and medium scale petrochemical projects in the GCC states. It will review the marketing experience in petrochemical products gained by the GCC states.

Open seminar

He said that an open seminar will be organised during the conference to discuss sea and land transportation facilities for carrying petrochemical products. He said that representatives of transport companies, petrochemical manufacturing companies and customs and ports officials from the GCC states will take part in the seminar.

Ali added that the conference will also discuss the role of banks and financing establishments in developing petrochemical projects and exports and the role of the GCC insurance companies in helping GCC petrochemical projects and exports. He said that the conference comes at the recommendation of the GCC Industrial co-operation Committee.

Diplomatic ties

MANAMA, Sept. 1, (KUNA): Bahrain and Yugoslavia Thursday agreed on establishing diplomatic relations at the level of non-resident ambassadors, Gulf News Agency (GNA) has reported.

IN YOUR case a person should be a relative. You will need a documentary evidence to say he is a relative.

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I HAVE been working in one of the commercial banks in Kuwait for almost 37 years. My daughter who is holding a masters degree, had her valid dependent visa until May 5th, 1989. She could not extend her visa because she is on a US university training sponsorship. I am told that the 21 years age limit applies to boys but not to dependent daughters, is it true? Can I apply for a fresh dependent visa since she is single and not yet 23 years old? Would the position be different if my daughter was less than 21 years old?

ACCORDING to Col Ahmed Wohab's interview with one of the dailies here in July, 1989, he said that boys who reach 21 years of age, even if they are studying abroad, cannot get their residence permit renewed. This applies to males who attain the age of 21 and are still in Kuwait. This rule does not apply to females who can get this benefit so long as their sponsor (parents) continue to legally live in the country.

In your case you have to apply for a new dependent visa for your daughter, with old documents showing her expired in-migration and a letter from the university. There is no change in obtaining dependent visas for wives and children, private sector employees must get a monthly salary of KD600 to sponsor family members.

If you have a problem drop in a line to Action Line, Arab Times P.O. Box 2278, 13023, Safat, Kuwait. Or Fax your questions to 2401-12-4847493.

Action Line

I'M a housemaid. I came to Kuwait in 1986 on visa No 20. Now I have been offered a better job with one of the catering companies and my sponsor does not want to give me a release. Can I change my visa without the knowledge of my sponsor. What can I do in case my employer finds out. Please advise.

Eileen Roberto.

YOU cannot change your visa No. 20 to visa No. 18 inside the country without the knowledge of your sponsor. First you have to talk to him in a friendly manner in order to cancel your iqama and leave the country. After you have left the country you can come back with the new visa No. 18.

I CAME to Kuwait on visa no. 18 in 1983, then I brought my wife on a dependent visa three months later. In February this year she was offered a good job in one of the hotels. The management of the hotel told her that she first has to cancel her dependent visa and come back in order to join them. Is there any violation of the law if she works in that hotel without transferring her visa, what shall we do in this case?

D.S. Simon.

ANY person on a dependent visa is not allowed to work in the government or the private sector. It is against the law for a dependent visa holder to work in the private sector without changing the visa to No. 18. In her case she has to cancel her dependent visa at the immigration Department and leave the country. After that she can come back on a visa No. 18 provided by the hotel. Then she will be eligible to work in Kuwait at the hotel without breaking the rules.

J.G. Mathew.

THE rules here state that any husband who wants to sponsor his wife should obtain at least a salary of KD 600. It is very difficult in your case to sponsor your wife. Your wife should realize that these are the rules here. You can write and explain to her the regulations and rules regarding sponsorship of wives by their husbands.

I'M AN Indian working in Kuwait as a driver with a Kuwaiti family since five years with a salary of KD450. This year I got married and my wife insisted on coming to Kuwait on a dependent visa. The rule here does not allow Indians working in the private sector to sponsor their wives unless they earn a salary of KD600. I'm in big trouble and my wife threatens to file a divorce against me if I did not bring her on a dependent visa to Kuwait. What can I do?

I'M AN Indian working in Kuwait for more than ten years. I am earning a salary of K864. This year, my mother, who is 70 years old, fell ill. There is no one to look after her there. Can I bring her on a dependent visa.

NO! the rules only allow a husband to sponsor his wife and children. However, you can bring your mother to Kuwait for one month on a visit visa. The visit visa is valid for one month. But that does not mean you can change the visit visa to a dependent visa.

I'M WORKING in Kuwait in one of the automobile companies with a monthly salary of KD470. I was married two years ago to my wife who is holding a domestic visa No 20. At the beginning of this year we faced a problem of sponsoring our newborn baby boy who was born in Sri Lanka.

I went to the Immigration Department to apply for a dependent visa for my son and it was rejected. My wife who can't leave Kuwait to look after our son insisted on bringing him here on my sponsorship. Is there any possible way to bring my son here in case I took another part time job in order to meet the required salary ceiling. Please help me.

P. Shoucri.

COMBINED salaries can not be counted towards meeting the required salary ceiling of KD600 in the private sector to sponsor your son. In your case it would be better if your son can stay in your home country with his grandmother who can look after him.

I'M a mother of three sons and at the same time I am working in a private company. My husband is working as an engineer in the government sector. I wanted to bring a domestic helper to look after my sons.

I contacted one of the recruitment agencies and they helped me to choose one. What is the procedure for the entry visa for a domestic helper?

Safat Hassini.

FIRST you have to approach the Immigration Department which can provide you with an application form. You have to fill the form for entry visa and including the clear full name of the house-maid, her nationality, place and date of birth and religion.

Other required documents include your marriage certificate, salary certificate from the place of the work newly issued, a photocopy of Civil ID and a photocopy of the domestic helper's passport. The Immigration Department generally does not allow sponsors to bring in maid of their own nationality. It would be advisable to choose a maid of another nationality to avoid any inconvenience.

I HAVE a problem since I lost my passport in a taxi. I cannot renew my iqama because of that. Please advise where to go and what are the required documents?

T. Taha.

ENTRY and residence information are not transferred from the missing passport to the new one except after taking the following procedure:

A letter from the sponsor stating that the passport is missing.

A letter from the holder of the missing passport stating that his passport is missing.

Holder of the passport should present himself personally to the Immigration Department to make sure that the Passport Investigation Department is not keeping the passport for one reason or another.

The missing passport notice should be printed in the Gazette Kuwait Al-Youn through the General Immigration Department. "Notice" in case of passport being damaged or lost, the holder should notify the Immigration Department three days from the date of loss or damage of the passport. This is according to Article 8 of Expatriate Residence Act Number 7 for the year 1959.

I CAME to Kuwait on a domestic visa in 1981. In 1989 I transferred my visa to No. 18 when I joined work in a hotel. My services were terminated after two months for having overtime. I managed to get my visa transferred to another company, but have not got a job until now. I'm Christian and wanted to bring a family friend (Muslim) to Kuwait on a visit visa. Could you inform me about the required salary ceiling for visit visa, the validity of the visit visa and whether it can be extended. Does it have to be a relative in order to bring him?

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Fence transfer order creates problems for camel owners</h2

KD1.3m social welfare during July

10,316 families benefit

A TOTAL of 10,316 families benefited from aid extended by the government during the month of July, according to a report issued by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

It added that government aid during the month amounted to about KD1.3 million and covered several sections of the community, including old people, students, widows, orphans, divorcees and disabled.

In addition to families of prisoners.

Speaking of the ministry's activities during the month, the report disclosed that the ministry had formed about 16 units to serve 92 residential areas. The report said that 135 military staff receive the necessary financial aid from the Ministries of Interior and Defence during the same month.

The report added that 9,849 families benefited from the rent allowance exten-

ded by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour during the month which amounted to about KD one million.

With regard to the social care beneficiaries, the report said that about 978 citizens had benefited from the service.

Meanwhile, an official source at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour was quoted as saying that the ministry's four Labour Departments had issued by the

Capital Labour Department, 1,850 by Hawalli Labour Department, 1,263 by Ahmadi Labour Department and 465 by Jahra Labour Department.

The four departments had issued about 5,753 work permits during the said month with 1,948 issued by the Capital Labour Department, 2,385 by Hawalli Labour Department, 1,071 by Ahmadi Labour Department and 349 by Jahra Labour Department.

Guard stabs headmistress

By Salem Al Wawan

A PRINCIPAL of a private school in Juleeb Al Shiyab area was stabbed several times in various places by the school's watchman last Tuesday. According to informed sources the watchman did not receive his salary from the school owners, but all his demands went in vain.

Annoyed by this, the watchman stabbed the school principal. She was admitted to Farwaniya Hospital for treatment of serious wounds. The watchman was arrested by the police.

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Thought for today

MARTYRDOM is the only way in which a man can become famous without ability — George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born playwright (1856-1950).

Seeking stardom in Indian politics

Effectiveness uncertain

STARS of the world's biggest film industry are shaping up for a new role in Indian politics.

Many have already taken sides between Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party and a grand opposition alliance that will contest general elections which must be called by the end of the year.

None of them, however, have done it as decisively as Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao, chief minister of the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, who launched his campaign on behalf of the alliance by resuming a screen career with a film called "Vishwanamita".

Rao is the latest in a line of south India film figures to realise the potential of the cinema in conveying a political message to the masses, director Parvati Menon said.

The industry produces more than 700 films a year.

Rao was the second film star to become chief minister of an Indian state. The late M.G. Ramachandran ruled neighbouring Tamil Nadu for 10 years after quitting a fabulous film career in which he played mainly Robin Hood-type roles.

Acceptable

"NTR (Rao) and MGR (Ramachandran) acted in films that were acceptable to the whole family, and especially women, by acting in mythological or socially oriented films," Menon said.

It was an important difference from the north, where the political appeal of Hindi stars was limited because of screen images of angry young men as romantic heroes who used violence to correct injustice.

"A political message can only be conveyed to the people through explicitly delineated roles, of a Robin Hood who helps the poor or a Hindu God who can do no wrong... after all, 75 per cent of our people are illiterate and you have to be blatant about it," said Menon.

She said southern politicians also realised the importance of the medium as a way to get a message across to rural areas, where the cinema is the main source of entertainment for 70 per cent of the population.

In Tamil Nadu, the chief minister is a well-known scriptwriter, and the leader of the largest opposition group is a screen goddess who once starred opposite Ramachandran.

Glamour

Their glamour and grip on the people resulted earlier this year in a humiliating electoral defeat for Rajiv, who failed to help Congress win power in the state.

It is this which could make "Vishwanamita" a potent weapon in the polls, although its effectiveness in the north is uncertain, even with the top Bombay actress picked by Rao to co-star.

Due for release during the campaign, the film is about a social reformer who is a teacher of Hinduism's ideal king, Rama.

It aims at extending Rao's popularity to the north from a southern base.

Rao, an imposing saffron-clad figure, plays the title role in his first film since quitting movies in 1983 to enter politics and help the party he founded win state elections.

Southerners, especially in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, have been his fans for more than 35 years during which he mainly played Hindu gods in his 320 films.

The film could also counter in some measure what the opposition alleges is Rajiv's attempt to use India's state-run television for projecting his image across barely accessible territory.

Rajiv can also depend on a cluster of top stars led by Amitabh Bachchan, India's highest-paid actor and the reigning idol of the Hindi-language film world.

But Bachchan, said to command a fee far in excess of the Rs. 2 million (\$125,000) top stars charge per film, is not likely to contest the Allahabad parliamentary seat he quit last year amid opposition charges of involvement in a financial scandal.

Instead, he will probably help his childhood friend Rajiv campaign in the electorally crucial Hindi-speaking belt in north India where his violence-dominated Bombay films are usually hits.

He could have the company of Arun Govil, who took time off from playing Rama in a television serial to campaign unsuccessfully against opposition leader V.P. Singh in the election caused by Bachchan's resignation.

Another politically inclined star of the Bombay film world, Shabana Azmi, is likely to contest the election on a Communist Party ticket.

Azmi, who made her film reputation with three national acting awards, entered the political limelight by leading protests against the eviction of slum dwellers in Bombay.

"My father... has been a member of the Communist Party. I also think along those lines," she said. "Of what use is your art if it doesn't sensitise you to look outside your cushy surroundings at the man on the street and the miserable conditions he lives in." (Bombay — Reuter)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1666 — Great fire at London starts, in five days virtually destroys city, including St. Paul's Cathedral.

1686 — Charles, Duke of Lorena, takes Buda from Turks after lengthy siege, ending 45-year occupancy by Turks.

1773 — Warren Hastings, first British governor-general of India, forms alliance with state of Oudh for campaign against the Mahrathas.

1861 — Prussia concludes commercial treaty with China at Tientsin.

1865 — Maori war in New Zealand ends when governor issues peace proclamation.

1866 — Crete, after long discontent against Turkish authority, revolts and decrees union with Greece.

1877 — Satsuma rebellion is suppressed in Japan.

1898 — British forces under Horatio Kitchener defeat dervishes at Omdurman, Khartoum, Sudan.

1926 — Italy's treaty with Yemen begins Italian attempt to dominate east coast of Red Sea.

1945 — Independent Vietnam republic is proclaimed by Ho Chi Minh, who becomes president.

1947 — American republic signs treaty for mutual assistance at Rio de Janeiro.

1949 — United Nations Commission warns of danger of civil war in Korea.

1962 — Soviet Union agrees to send arms to Cuba; Western Iran is shattered by earthquake, and 200 towns and villages are reported destroyed.

1968 — Death toll confirmed at 79, with 319 others reported missing in sinking of Soviet passenger liner in Black Sea.

1987 — "Tanker war" in the Gulf escalates, with Iraq claiming its jet planes hit three ships while Iran raids five others.

1988 — Iran accuses Iraq of more than 70 violations of two-week old ceasefire.

Defence Ministry has cosy relations with arms dealers

Israeli connection exposed

IN ISRAEL'S clubby defence community, everyone knows everyone.

The coziness in the relationship between private arms sellers and the Defence Ministry is at the heart of a growing debate in Israel over the need for further controls on private arms merchants.

The controversy was triggered by the reported involvement of high-ranking reserve officers in the training of gunmen for Colombian drug lords.

"Israel is a small country. Everybody who was a colonel or brigadier-general in the Army has very intimate contacts with the defence establishment," said Ehud Olmert, minister of Arab affairs in the cabinet and a member of the right-wing Likud Bloc.

"The question is what is the involvement of the Defence Ministry? It is one of the questions that will be investigated," he said.

The left-leaning daily Davar newspaper said in an editorial: "It is conceivable that the security establishment didn't know what was going on in Colombia."

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, however, told reporters the ministry did not learn of the training until April, when it issued a written warning to the company involved. "We are not trying to hide, to conceal," he said.

"There are those who are not obeying the law. But I believe the number of people who have not obeyed the law... is very, very limited. Israeli mercenaries are basically non-existent," he said.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, once a senior official in the Mossad Intelligence Service, promised a thorough investigation but was clearly sceptical about whether Israelis knowingly helped drug gangs.

"I know our officers, and I cannot believe that they would have been involved in such crimes," Shamir said.

Conservatives in Parliament's Law Committee blocked a move by liberals to tighten existing controls that make it a crime punishable by six months in jail for a reservist to sell weapons or give training without authorisation.

Urging more stringent control, Labour Party lawmaker David Libai said on Israel Radio: "It cannot be that we train people to kill in the Army for the sake of our country and that later people use it for their own personal profit without any control."

However, the mayor of the Tel Aviv suburb of Herzlia, Eli Landau, took out an advertisement in Israeli newspapers to defend the Israeli reservists accused of helping the drug kingpins train gunmen. "With a wave of their hands, they forgot the 20 years in which you and your friends risked your lives for us all," he wrote.

The close-knit nature of the relationship between officials and private arms merchants can be seen in the "Israel defence sales directory." The ministry's annual catalogue lists government arms makers side-by-side with private companies that can arrange the sale of weapons or services.

Among the companies is Hod Hahani (spearhead), which describes itself as "specialising in fighting terrorism by establishing and training anti-terror units, internal security and intelligence forces... presidential guard units and VIP security."

The firm is headed by Reserve Lt Col Yair Klein, who associates say was once an instructor in a parachute course headed by Dan Shomron, now Israel's chief of staff.

Former commander of an elite anti-terror unit, Klein is the focus of a policy probe of the Colombia affair. Six former Israeli officers have been questioned.

At one point Klein threatened to blow the whistle on other high-ranking officers and at least one member of parliament, suggesting they were involved in unauthorised arms dealings in Latin America.

Two right-wing members of parliament, Yehoshua Sagiv and Rehavam Zeevi, said they had been in Colombia on arms-related business but only with government authorisation.

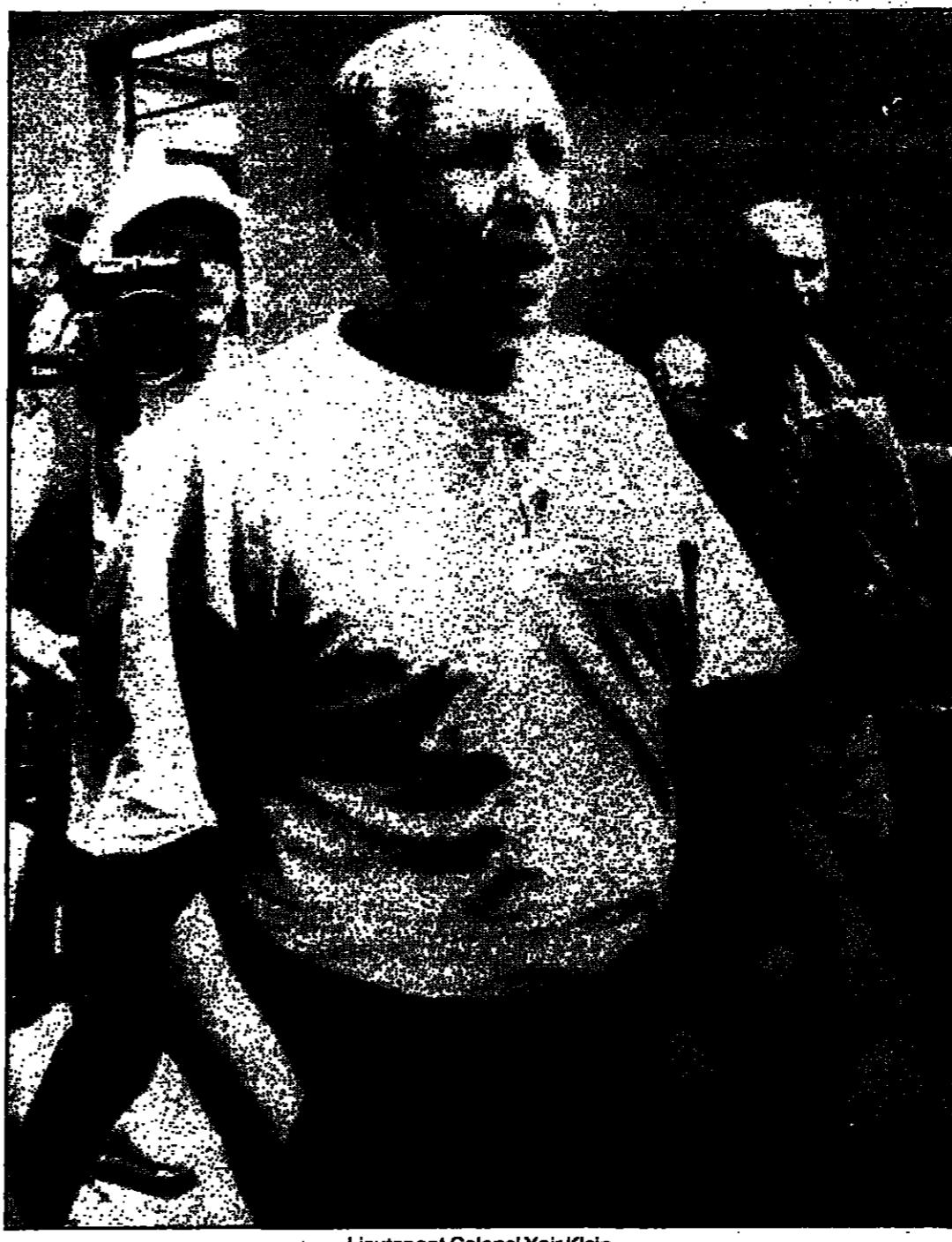
Yoram Perry, a military historian and journalist, said the Colombia affair was an outgrowth of too close a relationship between those still in uniform and their retired Army buddies.

The crux of the issue is the social relationship between those who are now in power and those who do a job overseas. They are friends. They say, "I know this guy. He's not going to deal in something to do with narcotics." So they believe there is no need to formalise ways of control," he said in an interview.

Many Israelis, especially conservatives, were reluctant to criticise the reservists, arguing that the government had failed to give them jobs or that Israel was only marketing the skills it had honed in repeated wars with the Arabs.

It's a central fact that Israel has something that people want," Zeev Chafets, an author and former government press office director, said in an interview.

"It's no more exceptional than people who want to buy Saudi oil or Swiss watches. It just happens to be what we've got to export." (Jerusalem — AP)



Lieutenant Colonel Yair Klein

Colombian campaign costly

THE Colombian government, in its strongest offensive against drug traffickers, has started a campaign that could take years to wage successfully, foreign and Colombian officials say.

A senior diplomat at the US embassy said Wednesday that the effort could last until the end of the century and require billions of dollars. A former Colombian Army intelligence officer also predicted a billion-dollar price tag and more than a decade of struggle to overcome drug traffickers — if they can be beaten at all.

The Colombian government has made little progress in fighting leftist guerrillas, another force it sees as a threat to the nation's stability. After three decades of battling guerrilla groups, the Army has seen rebel forces steadily rise to an estimated 10,000 fighters.

During the same time, the traffickers, power has grown.

Fifteen years ago, some of today's millionaire and billionaire cocaine traffickers were pickpockets and pig farmers. Six years ago, they were so wealthy that they offered to pay off Colombia's \$10 billion foreign debt if the government would give them amnesty.

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To meet the threat from the traffickers, the government has sharply increased its spending on security forces. US President George Bush has authorised \$65 million in emergency assistance to Colombia to fight the traffickers. This compares to about \$10 million in drug-fighting money the Americans have previously given Colombia.

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Yair Klein, a former intelligence officer, said in an interview that Colombia's anti-drug agents were so poorly equipped that they had to beg gas from their US counterparts to go on drug raids.

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Arafat has new peace proposal

Hezbollah blamed for rocket attack on Israel

KUWAIT, Sept 1. (Agencies): PLO chief Yasser Arafat will make a major new peace proposal if he attends this month's United Nations General Assembly in New York, one of his top aides said in remarks published today.

"If he decides to go to New York this means he will present a new proposal that will surpass what he presented in the speech he gave in Geneva last year," Bassam Abu Sharif told Kuwait's Al-Anbaa newspaper.

He did not elaborate or disclose the contents of Arafat's proposed

speech.

The UN held a special session at its European headquarters in Geneva last year after the United States refused to grant Arafat a visa to address the world body in New York.

In Geneva, Arafat made a major turnaround in PLO policy and offered to hold peace talks with Israeli leaders.

Meanwhile, Lebanese militants fired rockets into northern Israel for the second time in 24 hours, raising the level of fresh Israeli reprisals against the Iranian-backed Hezbollah movement.

Thousands were killed in 1987 fighting for the Aouzou Strip. It lies 1,000 mostly-barren km (600 miles) south of the Libyan coast and a bit further from the Chadian capital N'Djamena but is suspected by some experts to hold valuable minerals.

Foreign Ministers Jadallah Azzouz Al Talhi of Libya and Achreikh Bin Oumar of Chad signed the pact at a secret meeting in Algiers on the eve of big celebrations in Tripoli to mark the 20th anniversary of Colonel Muammar Khaddafi's revolution.

The text, released by the Chadian embassy in Paris, said "the two parties agree to solve

their territorial conflict by all political means within one year."



Israeli military chief in the occupied West Bank Major-General Yitzhak Mordechai comforts the brother of an Israeli killed by Palestinian patrol-bombers. (Reuter wirephoto)

Israel occupation 'till 2000

WASHINGTON, Sept 1. (KUNA):

Liberians deported: Turkey deported two Libyans after they finished serving a prison term of more than three years for the attempted bombing of the US officer's club here, officials said today.

Ali El Ecelli Ransdiani and Recep Muhtar Rokhima Tarhuni, both 33, were deported from Istanbul's Ataturk airport on Monday, a Turkish official who requested anonymity told the Associated Press. They were put on a flight for Libya.

The two Libyans were arrested near the US officer's club carrying a bag containing two Soviet-made hand grenades in April 1986. (AP)

Student slain: A Malaysian student at Al Azhar University was slain at his rented apartment at Al Hayy Al Sabca Madinat Al Nash in Cairo on Aug 25.

Confirming the killing today, the student's father Ismail Awang said his son Mohamed Zain was stabbed 12 times in the chest.

Ismael, 55, who described the murder as inhuman, told newsmen he had received a police report on the murder of his son.

He said his son had planned to perform the Haj in Makkah together with him, mother and sister next year. (KUNA)

Magazine accuses: The Austrian magazine "Basta" has published serious accusations against two Socialist Party ministers in connection with illegal arms deliveries to Iran in the mid-1980s.

In a special supplement, Basta, reported that the prosecutor's office in the city of Linz had suggested preliminary legal inquiries against Finance Minister Ferdinand Laczka for allegedly knowing about the illegal deals.

Basta also quoted a top manager of industry who claimed Nationalised Industries Minister Rudolf Streicher must have known about the shipments, which were not allowed by Austrian law as Iran was a country at war at the time. (KUNA)

Train derailed: Saboteurs in southeast Turkey have derailed a freight train carrying iron plate exports to Iran, railway officials said today.

They said it was not known who tore up the tracks near Tatvan yesterday, closing the line for 17 hours, but Hurriyet newspaper said the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) rebels shot dead two men in remote villages in the southeast late on Wednesday.

Hurriyet reported notes beside the bodies said "death is the penalty for those who commit crimes against our people." (Reuters)

Urged to release: A US-based human rights group said yesterday that it had asked President Hosni Mubarak to free two human rights activists detained in a crackdown on opposition groups.

A human rights watch statement said its message to Mubarak expressed deep worry at news of the arrest and alleged beating of lawyer Amr Salama and researcher Mohammed El Sayed Saeed.

"The organisation has called for the unconditional release of the two men as long as they are not charged with an offence that is recognisable as criminal," the statement said. (Reuters)

Egyptian MP denies: An Egyptian Member of Parliament denied yesterday that he or any other Muslim Brotherhood member brainwashed children to turn them into Islamic militants.

Security sources said on Wednesday that 20 Brotherhood members were rounded up from four furnished flats in Alexandria rented by parliamentarian Essam El Eryan.

They said 80 children who also stayed there were taken to mosques for prayers, readings of the Holy Quran and indoctrination with Islamic extremism. (Reuters)

Threat closes sales: Two of the Netherlands' largest department store chains said yesterday they would not stock Salman Rushdie's controversial "The Satanic Verses" after a Muslim group threatened "blood will flow" if the book was sold.

Vroom and Dreesmann, which has 60 stores throughout the Netherlands, said it would not carry either Dutch or English versions of the book after a letter threatening the firm was sent to a news agency.

"We must put the safety of our clients and personnel above all else," a store spokesman said. (Reuters)

Crazed gunman: A man armed with a sub-machine-gum opened fire on the Iraqi embassy in an exclusive suburb of Helsinki, newspaper reports said yesterday.

Manama, Belgrade set up ties

MANAMA, Bahrain, Sept 1. (AP): Bahrain and Yugoslavia agreed yesterday to establish diplomatic ties at ambassadorial level, official announcements released simultaneously in Manama and Belgrade said.

Bahrain was the second conservative "Gulf" country after Qatar to establish relations with Yugoslavia in one week. Both decisions were taken as Belgrade prepared to host a summit conference next week of the 101-member non-aligned movement.

The agreement was made as Bahrain Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Mubarak was in Belgrade for a preparatory ministerial meeting ahead of the summit.

The announcement said both countries will seek to enhance existing friendly relations on the basis of respect for international law, the UN charter and "out of their efficient commitment to the principles of the non-aligned movement in its struggle for world peace."

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AIDS ignorance prompts fear

Loathing in Egypt

CAIRO, Sept 1. (Reuters): A receptionist in a Cairo state-owned hospital has had nothing but trouble since she helped an AIDS-infected Egyptian woman deliver her baby in June.

"One Kadri AIDS" as she is now nicknamed, stepped in to help the mother after doctors and nurses refused to touch her for fear of contracting the fatal disease.

Many hospital workers believe Om Kadri is now contaminated with AIDS. They are afraid to use glasses she has drunk out of or to shake hands. Some even refuse to talk to her.

This is merely one of the many personal tragedies in Egypt caused by ignorance about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

But health officials in the mainly Muslim country feel they have come a long way in toppling walls of silence on sex-related issues. Would you ever have heard, says one official, the word "condom" in a birth control advertisement a few years ago?

As more and more AIDS cases are reported each month, World Health Organisation (WHO) officials worry that the epidemic is moving faster than efforts to educate people.

"There is still a lack of knowledge about AIDS. People don't know enough," said Erik Ekeid, a WHO official in charge of AIDS programmes for the Alexandria-based East-Mediterranean Region.

The Egyptian Region, comprising 21 countries from Morocco to Pakistan, reported 134 AIDS cases for 1988, up from 72 the previous year. Egypt says it has 33 cases of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) which causes the disease.

Since AIDS does not yet have a cure, Ekeid said, informing people and coaxing them to speak openly about it was the only way to curb its spread and limit unpleasant incidents.

Psychiatrist Mohammed Shaalan says Egyptians know very little about AIDS except that it is fatal. Many still link it mainly with homosexuality — a socially

spurned issue. He criticised health officials for suggesting Egypt was free of AIDS because it was a Muslim country.

"This causes more harm than good because people think that as they are Muslims, the everything is fine and they will not get it," said Shaalan, who is researching Egyptians' knowledge of AIDS.

In a small Nile Delta town, a 56-year-old Egyptian who contracted the AIDS virus from a blood transfusion in an Arab state has not left his home in more than 16 weeks.

The town's inhabitants have boycotted a road to his house, believing they can catch the disease if they pass through.

Fathi Sheiba El-Hamid, Ministry of Health Undersecretary, said that in such cases counsellors were sent to the towns and villages of AIDS victims to explain how it is transmitted.

"AIDS is a priority as far as the ministry is concerned. We are doing all we can to educate people," he said.

Imported blood is thoroughly screened.

Only disposable syringes are used. Foreigners spending more than a month in Egypt are now required to be tested, medical sources say. Egypt has deported 57 foreigners tested positive.

But WHO officials say it is erroneous for states in the Middle East to assume that AIDS is only an imported disease.

Egyptian health officials stress that Egypt's 33 HIV cases were imported and mainly due to blood transfusions abroad. They refrain from mentioning cases resulting from sexual contact.

But medical sources say that at least two of the seven AIDS patients reported to have died in Egypt contracted the disease through sexual contact.

One AIDS patient was shot dead by a policeman last year after he apparently threatened to bite him and squirt him with his infected blood.

"We don't want the epidemic to overtake us. We don't want the wave to break before people have learnt to swim," said Ekeid. "That is why we need to be able to talk frankly about AIDS."

Everly Brothers stay at top

LONDON, (AP): Glenn Miller, Bill Haley and the Everly Brothers topped the British pop chart for the fifth straight week as featured performers in "Swing the Mood" by Jive Bunny and the Mastermixers.

"Ride on Time" by Black Box moved into the second spot, while Tears for Fears' "Sowing the Seeds of Love" broke into the rankings at number 8.

Alice Cooper was a model of steadfastness as "Poison" logged its third consecutive week at fourth position.

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the National Music Retail Chain, with last week's places in brackets:

1. (1) Swing the Mood — Jive Bunny and the Mastermixers (Music Factory).

2. (3) Ride on Time — Black Box (De-construction).

3. (2) French Kiss — Lil Louis (London).

4. (4) Poison — Alice Cooper (Epic).

5. (8) Hey DJ — Beatmasters and Betty Boo (Rhythm King).

6. (12) I Just Don't Have the Heart — Cliff Richard (EMI).

7. (15) I Need Your Lovin' — Alyson Williams (Off Jam-CBS).

8. (—) Sowing the Seeds of Love — Tears for Fears (Fontana).

9. (5) Toy Soldiers — Marika (CBS).

10. (9) Blame it on the Boogie — Big Fun (Jive).

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"Don't Wanna Lose You" by Gloria Estefan climbed one notch to second place on the Cash Box Magazine chart, while "Hangin' Tough" by New Kids on the Block moved into third, from fourth a week ago.

Last week's number one hit, "Right Here Waiting" by Richard Marx, slipped to fourth.

New to the top 10 list this week was "Friends" by Jody Watley, up from 11th to 8th. Two other newcomers were

"Heaven" by the Group Warrant, up from 12th to 9th, and "Shower me with your love" by Surface, up from 13th to 10th.

The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box Magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) Don't Wanna Lose You — Gloria Estefan (EPIC).

2. (3) Hangin' Tough — News Kids on the Block (Columbia).

3. (4) Right Here Waiting — Richard Marx (EMI).

4. (5) The End of Innocence — Don Henley (Geffen).

5. (6) Angel Eyes — The Jeff Healy Band (Arista).

6. (7) Secret Rendezvous — Karen White (Warner Brothers).

7. (8) Friends — Jody Watley (MCA).

8. (9) (12) Heaven — Warrant (Columbia).

9. (10) Shower Me With Your Love — Surface (Columbia).

10. (11) Timber I'm Falling In Love — Patty Loveless (MCA).

11. (13) I'm Still Crazy — Vern Gosdin (Columbia).

12. (14) Are You Ever Gonna Love Me — Holly Dunn (Warner Brothers).

13. (15) Give Me His Last Chance — Lionel Cartwright (MCA).

14. (16) Never Given' Up On Love — Michael Martin Murphy (Warner Brothers).

15. (17) I Wonder Do You Think Of Me — Keith Whitley (RCA).

16. (18) Any Way The Wind Blows — Southern Pacific (Warner Brothers).

17. (19) Let Me Tell You About Love — The Judds (Curb-RCA).

18. (20) Nothing I Can Do About It Now — Willie Nelson (Columbia).

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Listening to aeroplanes

Flaws may be predicted

NEWARK, New Jersey, (AP): Like a doctor with a stethoscope, engineers can listen to planes, oil tanks, tankers and pipelines for sounds of impending disaster.

"If you have a bulkhead that breaks, it happens over a long period. ... We don't listen merely to a crack — what we're doing is getting the warning signals before they crack," said Sotirios Vahavilos of Physical Acoustics Corp.

Vahavilos' company, based in Princeton, New Jersey, tests equipment for Monsanto Chemical Co., the US Defense Department and the Soviet Union, among others, and will begin tests next month on a Boeing 727 at the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) technical center.

The FAA decided to take a new look at the way commercial aircraft are inspected after a piece of an Aloha Airlines jet failed and flew off last year shortly after the plane was checked out.

"There has been a push for newer and improved technology to try to ensure the structural integrity of old aircraft. We're looking at a lot of areas — X-ray techniques, ultrasonic imaging, acoustic emissions — to see what type of structural problems are best discovered," said FAA Engineer, Tom Defiore.

After comparing the speed and effectiveness of various methods, the FAA will recommend an inspection technique, Defiore said.

"Our final goal is that you bring the plane on the gate in the evening and we can tell in a couple of hours whether it is airworthy," said Vahavilos, who founded the company in 1978. One test can cost 10,000 to 100,000 dollars.

New knots or not?

FOR men who think fumbling with a tie each morning is a pain in the neck, here comes a new wrinkle in the quest for a firm, symmetrical knot. It's an inside-out style called the Shelby.

The knot, touted as the "first new knot for men in over 50 years" by a clothier, was developed by a retired Minnesota man who had chafed at his lumpy, twisted neckwear.

"I got sick and tired of looking at this tie every night. He always had a big knot in it," said Jerry Pratt, 92, retired manager for the US Chamber of Commerce.

The secret is to start with the seams out. With a bit of sartorial sleight-of-hand, the knot forms securely and the broad part flows down the shirt, finished side out.

The shorter blade underneath still has the seams and the label facing out, although it can be clasped with a pin or twisted so the seams will turn in. It's simple to tie and works best with wider collars.

The knot is named for Don Shelby, a local television anchorman in Minnesota who learned the knot from Pratt in 1986.

Pratt said he stumbled across the knot by accident and never thought of it giving it a name through decades of secure wear.

"One morning I put my tie on inside out, I tied it and it worked. That was it," he said by telephone Wednesday. "The beauty of it is the knot won't twist to one side or the other. A tie sets the whole theme of dress. If it's twisted, that's the first thing people notice."

Joseph M., a custom men's clothier in Minnesota, learned of the knot, refined it and established the tie-in with Shelby. It printed a five-step diagram for customers seeking alternatives to the bulbous Windsor knot or the tightly tapered four-in-hand, the most common known among American men.

"You're getting a balanced knot, but it's small and precise, not big and bulky like the Windsor," said Kingford Bawden, an executive with Joseph M.

The method of creating the Shelby doesn't appear in "Getting Knotted — 188 Knots for Necks," a reference guide for ties, scarves, ascots, and cravats distributed by Ratti Silk Mills of Como, Italy, and used by the Neckwear Association of America.

However, it does resemble a knot called the Nicky, invented by a Milanese restaurateur and said to have been the favourite knot of former Soviet leader Nikita Krushchev.

For his part, Shelby is a bit red-faced at all the fuss.

"I really think people notice the knot in your tie about as much as the knot in your shoes," Shelby said. "I do it because it's easy to tie, you can do it in your sleep, and it puts that little dimple in the tie automatically."

However, the Guild of British Tie Makers dropped their usual stiff upper lip Thursday and declared categorically that an American claim to have found a new way for well-groomed men to knot their neckties is fact nothing novel at all.

The guild, which recently celebrated 103 years of tie manufacturing in Britain, said the knotty solution attributed to Jerry Pratt.

But, Edwards said, "a 76-year-old founder member of the guild, Mr Alan Comfort, told me today — and he is well known for the ties he exports to



America — that he personally tied that same knot they are talking about in 1956."

Pratt's claim to having invented a totally new knot is without foundation, I'm afraid.

Edwards said the Saxon knot was invented just after World War II to prevent the slipping caused by inferior tie fabrics used at that time. He said the knot was used in Britain through the 1950s but tended to fall out of favour as better fabrics reached the market.

The Daily Telegraph, the New York Times, and the Neckwear Association of America, and the Guild of British Tie Makers did at least agree on one thing, that the disputed knot looks symmetrical, balanced and neat.

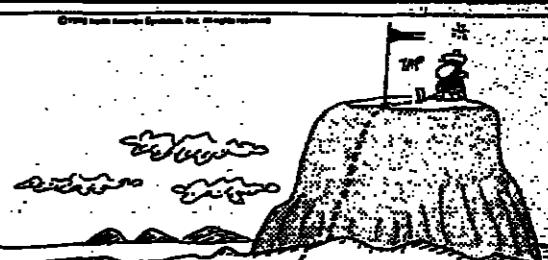
"Nevertheless, the search for a new knot is ever present, and although Pratt has not, it appears, produced a new tie knot, the Guild of British Tie Makers are offering 50 ties to the person who can produce a new tie knot which, in the expert opinion of the guild, is superior to the Windsor knot," Edwards said.

"The other is ever open to anybody, but we are not merely looking for a new knot — we would like to see a better knot."



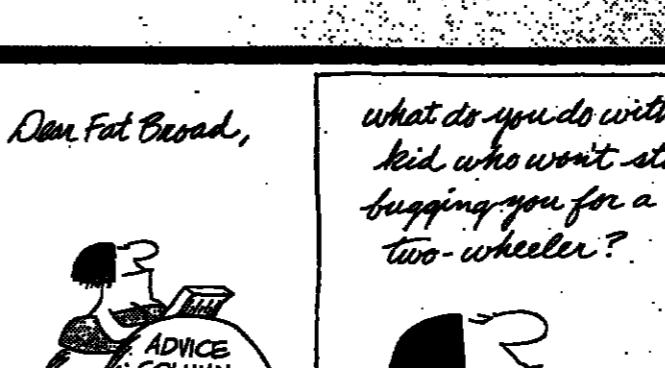
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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will tend to overreact to the circumstances and should try to control yourself. You should not be too inconsistent. Look out for mistakes both your own and those made by other people. Be polite.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should not try to force the pace but nor should you just sit back and let things happen. Allow yourself sufficient time to do a good job. Be sure your partner knows you love him. Be truthful.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Nigeria to host OPEC meeting

LAGOS, Sept. 1. (Reuters): Nigerian President Ibrahim Babangida is to host a meeting with at least three other OPEC leaders during the Belgrade non-aligned summit next week, senior Nigerian government sources said today.

The sources, who declined to be named, said Rilwanu Lukman, the Nigerian Oil Minister and OPEC president, would join Babangida in Belgrade on Monday, when the summit opens.

"We occupy the OPEC chair and will be playing host to at least three other leaders of OPEC countries," one source said.

Other oil ministers almost certain to join their countries' leaders in Belgrade are those of Indonesia, Algeria and Venezuela, who, with Nigeria have led moves to call a summit of OPEC heads of state to forge a strong policy for the future.

But a meeting of all 13 heads of state is thought unlikely because of political divisions within the group as well as conflicting stands on what oil prices and production should be.

Two members, Iran and Iraq, only halted their Gulf war a year ago. Radical Iran wants retributions with Saudi Arabia, one of OPEC's most influential and conservative Gulf states.

Some countries favour minimal output to drive prices back towards highs of \$30 a barrel from around \$18 at present, while other countries with bigger reserves are happy to pump as much as the market will take.

All OPEC's members belong to the Non-Aligned Movement and will be represented in Belgrade. There have been conflicting signals about a possible OPEC gathering during the course of the summit for at least a week.

Interest rates: Pakistan

KUWAIT, Sept. 1. (KUNA): Following are the average K.D. interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-3/16	8-1/2
3 months	8-1/4	8-1/2
6 months	8-1/4	8-1/2
1 year	8-3/8	8-11/16

Indian rupee	18.110
Sri Lankan rupee	8.000
Pakistani rupee	14.370
Bangladesh taka	9.220
US dollar	30025
Pound sterling	47475
Deutsche mark	15375
UAE dirham	08180
Japanese yen	002091

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Sept. 1. (Reuters): The Australian share market closed sharply lower as its recent rally came to an abrupt end. Brokers called it a long overdue correction. The All Ordinaries fell 14.5 to 1,748.8.

TOKYO: Buyers packed up early before the weekend, letting share prices drift to a broadly lower close in light trade. The Nikkei index fell 82.98 to 34,349.22.

HONG KONG: Hong Kong prices ended mixed on fears

Bush, Kaifu to try to cut US trade deficit

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1. (Agencies): President George Bush and Japan's New Prime Minister, Toshiki Kaifu, met today to try to find ways to open Japanese markets to foreign goods and to reduce the massive US trade deficit.

Japanese officials said Kaifu would tell Bush he would promote open markets in Japan not just to cut the US deficit but also to drive prices down for Japan's consumers.

Kaifu's visit was also designed to bolster his own prestige as a statesman and that of his Liberal Democratic Party, beset by election reverses and scandals. He is to visit Mexico City and Ottawa after his visit to the United States.

Bush interrupted his holiday in Ken-

bunkport, Maine, to fly to Washington to meet Kaifu, and was returning to his new England seaside home after his meeting and working lunch with the Japanese leader.

The Bush administration wants Japan to end business practices that it claims rigs bidding to exclude overseas products and to reform a distribution system that tries to keep foreign goods off Japanese store shelves.

Japanese officials said Kaifu sees the need for such structural reforms that previously had been overlooked in Japan and that could benefit Japanese consumers by increasing competition and lowering prices.

The business reform talks are to open

formally on Monday with a US-Japanese sub-ministerial meeting in Tokyo.

Earlier today, US Secretary of State James Baker told Japan's Foreign Minister, Taro Nakayama, that the business reform talks were urgent because of rising protectionist sentiment in Congress, Japanese officials said.

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Both sides agreed on the need for contin-

ued US-Japanese military co-operation, the officials said, although Baker said there were calls in the US Congress that the Japanese should contribute more to keeping American forces in Japan.

Nakayama made no commitment, however, to increase Japanese aid to the American forces, the officials said.

Despite "economic frictions" between Japan and the United States, Kaifu in an interview said he hopes his talks with President Bush ensure that overall relations remain firm.

Although the two countries have very good economic relations, "there are economic frictions over various issues," Kaifu said in an interview on the television programme "CBS this morning."

Nam summit to discuss Third World debt woes

Economics reeling

KUWAIT, Sept. 1. (KUNA): A heavy burden of foreign debts under which Third World economies are reeling will figure prominently in the discussions of the 9th non-aligned summit which opens in Belgrade on Monday.

A spark of hope that the festering debt problem is not insoluble stems from the fact that the Nam summit is convening at a time when the global political scene is not as gloomy as it was during the previous such gatherings.

As many international political hotbeds of tension have been defused in recent years, economic and social development is increasingly becoming the main concern of world leaders and governments.

Yet the majority of Third World non-aligned countries still under-

standably worry that their huge foreign debts were not only marring development programmes but also weighing heavily on political stability of those countries.

As such, those debts, estimated at \$1.3 trillion, are certain to be a key problem that the Nam leaders will dwell on during their summit.

The summitmeters are expected to debate the debt crisis against the backdrop of a proposal put forward by HH the Amir of Kuwait last year at the UN General Assembly session when he addressed the international body in his capacity as chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

The Amir's proposal has called on wealthy creditor nations to forgive parts of debts and the accumulated interest to be paid by the poorer debtors.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who is current chairman of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), has also made proposals to tackle the debt problem, which particularly aches his country.

Debt repayment has for more than a decade now encumbered developing economies as it sapped the desperately-needed foreign currency reserves of debtor nations and drove poor countries to the brink of bankruptcy.

Third World countries blame their woes on the advanced nations which lured them into seemingly soft loans that eventually began to choke off their economies.

Repayment became all the more difficult when interest rates shot up, and raw materials which feed developing economies with the much-needed foreign cash dropped in value in international markets.

The debt problem was further augmented when the industrialised nations adopted strict protectionist measures in the face of the Third World exports.

The crisis threatened to burst totally out of control when large debtors such as Mexico and other populous Latin American countries defaulted on their debt repayments.

Remedies suggested by the United States and other industrialised nations were largely viewed by debtor nations as virtually ineffective because, debtors argue, the problem lies in the very world economic order where the poor are getting poorer and the rich richer.

Hence, the proposal by the Amir of Kuwait and that of the Egyptian President for solving the debt crisis acquire additional importance in the non-aligned summit which is expected to seek a fairer global economic system.

Mitterrand, Thatcher open talks

EEC issues to be reviewed

LONDON, Sept. 1. (AP): French President Francois Mitterrand conferred today with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in their first meeting since prickly exchanges during the seven-nation economic summit in Paris in July.

The meeting at Thatcher's country residence, Chequers, north of London, was expected to focus on their main difference, moves toward closer political and monetary union in the European Economic Community. Mitterrand currently holds the rotating presidency of the 12-nation community.

Mitterrand was accompanied by his Foreign Minister, Roland Dumas, who met with the John Major, the British foreign secretary named by Thatcher last month.

The talks were the latest in regular meetings between Mitterrand and Thatcher, but the first since he took over the six-month presidency of the EEC in July.

At the Paris summit, held during celebrations for the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution, Thatcher said human rights were founded in Britain long before the bloody overthrow of the French monarchy and subsequent reign of terror.

French Premier Michel Rocard then described some policies of Thatcher's Conservative government as tending toward "social cruelty."

Mitterrand is using the EEC presidency to press ahead with a three-stage proposals for European Monetary Union, leading eventually to a single central bank and one currency. He has suggested the EEC could move without Britain.

Both have since played down their differences and officials said the talks, scheduled to last about three hours and include a working lunch, were expected to be amicable.

Crude prices fail to buckle

UK set for oil boom

LONDON, Sept. 1. (Agencies): OPEC's crude oil output rose above its self-imposed ceiling in August to its highest this year but the excess has so far failed to hit prices.

A monthly Reuter survey, based on industry and shipping sources, estimated August well-head output by the 13 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries at 21.6 million barrels per day (BPD).

That is 300,000 higher than the July average and two million above OPEC's own ceiling.

But output by Saudi Arabia, the biggest exporter, was stable at around five million barrels. It has not so far joined the quota-busting, the action most likely to flood the market and send petroleum prices tumbling. An index of world spot crude prices by Britain's National Westminster Bank is steady just above \$16 per barrel. Prices sank towards \$10 a barrel a year ago but the market appears to be coping with the excess supply.

Traders say the market for refined products remains strong.

"This is some agree, could be a dangerous assumption but they argue that the product market could still save the day," said

Geoff Pyne, energy economist with brokers UBS-Phillips and Drew.

The Reuter estimate was obtained from sources in Europe, the Americas, the Middle East and Asia and roughly tallied with other recent estimates ranging from 21.6 to 21.8 million BPD.

"Nigerian" officials say, however, that much of their oil is going to stocks.

The purchasing managers' index fell to 45.2 per cent in August from 46 per cent in July and was the lowest since December, 1982. A reading above 50 per cent shows the economy is expanding, while one below that suggests decline.

Gold was easier, reflecting the stronger dollar. It closed in London at \$358.50 ounce compared with 360.05 on Thursday.

Dollar steadies Gold eases

China warns of credit crunch

BEIJING, Sept. 1. (Reuters): Chinese leaders warned of a credit crunch and the need for belt-tightening in the face of mounting foreign debt — and blamed the problems on deposed Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang.

"The whole country must undergo a period of austerity," Vice-Premier Yao Yiliu was quoted as saying in the official People's Daily today.

"We are facing severe financial problems. We have no choice but to vigorously raise revenue and cut spending."

He also said the problem was created over a long period of time and that the incorrect guidance of the leadership — an apparent reference to Zhao — was to blame.

The US Commerce Department in a separate report, said the index of leading economic indicators rose a slight 0.2 per cent in July after being unchanged in June.

The index, which seeks to predict the US economy's behaviour three to nine months ahead, signalled that slow but steady growth would continue.

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EVENTS

This week on KTV 2

SUNDAY
6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 Care Bears: A cartoon series for children
6.30 Sea Hunt: "The Sea Hunts Been Stolen." "Dick" and "Ed" attempt to mislead Dr Mike in order to steal all information he gathered and collected...
7.00 The Day The Universe Changed: "The Way We Are." We are the product of our knowledge and our understanding of the world is constantly being modified by innovation and discovery.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Flying Doctors: "Give A Dog A Bad Name." A man and his wife arrive on the occasion of the annual carnival used to be held in the town... Suddenly his wife feels sick and the flying doctors have to find the cause of her sickness.
9.30 Super Sense - Sixth Sense: This sense is clearly noticed in animals and birds and widely used by such creatures... How certain animals can foretell and sense earthquakes and natural calamities before time...
10.00 Kate and Allie: Kate is involved in the employment of her friend Allie where she has to keep watching her...
10.30 Bestseller: "The Four Minutes Mile" (Part II). The pressures the athletes were subjected to. The fever of nationalism and the precarious balance between success

and failure.
12.00 News in Brief
12.15 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

MONDAY
6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Six: A cartoon series for children
6.30 The Scheme of Things: The history of microscopes development. Surgical operations carried out by utilizing microscopes... Micro-computer chips...
7.00 Roving Report: A weekly round-up of local, Arab and international news, events and activities...
7.30 Charles in Charge: Charles convinces the family to accept his stupid friend to work in the house during his absence...
8.00 News in English
8.30 Paradise: "Honour Bound." (Part II). "Ethan" continues his pursuit of "Janine's" men and keeping them away from the town of Paradise.
9.30 227: "Babes In The Woods." While on a hike with Alexandria and her Buttercup troop, Mary and Sandra capture an escaped killer...
10.00 Tales Of The Unexpected: "There Is One Born Every Day." A man convinces his wife to purchase a plot of land, but a man alleging that he is the company's representative collects the money and runs away...
10.30 Jack and Mike: "Cry Uncle." Mike's sister disappears immediately after her arrival with her

son... A man comes later on and alleges that he is "Evan's father..."
11.30 News in Brief
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

TUESDAY
6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 Amigo and Friends: A cartoon series for children
6.30 The Cuckoo Sister: Kate feels that she is neglected by her parents and runs away from home... a woman tells her later that her parents are preoccupied in searching for her missing sister...
7.00 Gone Fishing: "New Zealand Brown Trout." A look at the world's most popular recreational sport. Types of fish, where to find it, how to go there...
7.30 The New Adventure Of Beans Baxter: "Beans Gets His Driver's Licence." Beans' mother helps him to get his driving licence upon reaching his 16 years of age...
8.00 News in English
8.30 Different World
9.00 Horizon: "Traces Of Murder." Modern technology including computer systems are utilized in tracing criminals and analysing any traces left by them on their crimes sites...
10.00 Hooperman: "Stakeout." Hooperman is ordered to co-operate with one of his relatives who is transferred to work in the same area...
10.30 L.A. Law: "The Plane Mutiny." "Dave" succeeds in promoting Arnold's tapes in spite of his partners objection... Victor becomes involved in love affair with Van Owen who serves as a prosecutor.
11.30 News in Brief
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

WEDNESDAY
6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 Trollkins: A cartoon series for children
6.30 Safari To Adventure: "Wildlife Protectors." The activities carried out by a team specialized in protecting wild animals in the African forests.

7.00 Danger Bay: "Jan." A visiting Czech science student sneaks away from his group and the Roberts family takes him in not anticipating that he plans to defect...

7.30 Body Matter
8.00 News in English
8.30 Simon & Simon: "The Richer They Are, The



A scene from Flying Doctors on KTV2 on Sunday at 8:30 pm.

Harder They Fall." In spite of being a sportsman who has a strong body, Catherine's son "Tommy" falls dead suddenly. "Cathy" requests the Simon's brothers to investigate the cause of her son's death...

9.30 Best of British: A look at films which dealt with horror and thrillers...

10.00 Learning The Ropes: "Teacher's Pet Peeve." Mark expects to receive special treatment when his father takes the class of biology...

10.30 A Classical Movie: "Trade Winds." Starring: Fredric March, Joan Bennett, Ralph Bellamy. A girl who thinks she has committed murder flees to the Far East, and a cynical detective is sent to bring her back. Guess what happens...

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8.00 News in English
8.30 Murder, She Wrote

9.30 TV Bloopers & Practical Jokes: A variety of unexpected events and practical jokes occur while actors or actresses are performing their duty...

10.30 Feature film: "Pursuit of the Graf Spee." Starring: Peter Finch, John Gergson, Anthony Quayle. A World War II mysterious and dramatic naval mission: Destruction of formidable German battleship the Graf Spee.

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8.00 New in English
8.30 Breaking Away: Recreational and entertainment activities carried out by the Touristic Enterprises Company (TEC) in various parts in Kuwait...

8.45 The World About Us: A variety of news and events from various parts of the world.

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FRIDAY
6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 Silver Hawks: A cartoon series for children
6.30 Inter Bang: The Gang's boss arrests the latter to give him valuable information which he conveys to the killer who goes quickly to New York for getting the key secret of the Tower...

7.00 Walt Disney: "Solomon, The Sea Turtle." A look at sea turtles and their endurance in swimming long distances in water...

7.30 T and T: "Conspiracy." A group of boys find a

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11.15 Al Dana: local serial
12.15 Hikayat Maa Al Nojoom: variety programme with show guest: Ismael Yasseen

2.15 Al Hejra Illa Al Watan: Arabic serial

4.30 Tahta Al Moraqaba: Arabic feature

7.00 Hikayat Al Asmai: historical programme

8.00 Nadwat Al Osbo: religious programme

9.45 Ana We Inta Wa Baba

KTV 1 weekly highlights

Sunday
9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.30 Cartoons

10.15 Asr Al Hob: Arabic serial

11.15 Al Dana: local serial. Starring: Hayat Al Fahad, Abdulla Al Hobail, Khaled Al Obaid and Hayfa Adel

12.15 That's Incredible: variety programme

1.30 Sport: Billy: cartoon serial

2.15 Al Hejra Illa Al Watan: Arabic serial

4.00 Football match

6.00 Lila Min Al Lila Wa Lila: children programme

7.00 The World About Us: cultural programme

8.30 Our Environment: local programme

9.45 The new daily Arabic serial: Wajeda Wa Samah.

10.30 Mahakem Billa Billa Sojoon: Beduin serial (last part)

Thursday
9.00 Opening and Holy Quran

9.30 Cartoons

10.15 Asr Al Hob: Arabic serial

11.15 Al Dana: local serial

12.15 Al Hesn: recreational programme

2.15 Al Hejra Illa Al Watan: Arabic serial

4.30 Thata Masa: local feature

7.00 Cultural film

7.30 Egypt information message

8.30 Maa Al Islam: religious programme

9.45 Wajeda Wa Samah: Arabic serial

10.30 Al Donya Gara Fiha Ich: Arabic feature film.

Friday
9.00 Opening and Holy Quran

9.30 Cartoons

10.15 Al Hesn: local programme

11.15 Al Dana: local serial

12.15 Summer Clubs: local programme

1.30 Al Shanakel: cartoon serial

2.15 Al Hejra Illa Al Watan: Arabic serial

3.15 Innahe Al Haq: religious programme

4.30 Meeraath Al Seneen: historical serial

5.30 Children and summer

7.00 The World of Tomorrow: cultural serial

8.15 Holy Quran and Science: religious programme

9.45 Omsiyat Al Ithneen: local programme

10.15 Ana We Inta Wa Baba Fi Al Mishmish: Arabic serial

11.00 Ithmalat: cultural programme

Tuesday
9.00 Opening and Holy Quran

9.30 Cartoon

10.15 Asr Al Hob: Arabic serial

11.15 Al Dana: local serial

12.15 Hikayat Maa Al Nojoom: variety programme

1.30 Ghalat Al Joma (Friday Break): variety programme

4.00 Cartoons

5.30 Al Hejra Illa Al Watan: local play. Starring: Abdul Aziz Masaad Maryam Al Saleh, Ibrahim Al Salal, Maryam Al Ghadban

7.00 Kuwait in a week: local programme

8.15 Popular variety

8.40 Hadeeth Al Osbo: religious programme

9.45 Wrestling

10.30 Kalemah: variety programme, show guest: Mohammed Abdo.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran

9.15 Sarah Al Khir news and variety

9.30 Ifth Ya Simsim: children cultural programme

10.00 Magazine D'Actualite

10.15 Asr Al Hob: daily Arabic serial

11.00 Sabah Al Khir news and variety

11.15 Rqaya Wa Sbeeha: local serial (part 1). Starring: Suad Abdullah and Hayat Al Fahad, Ghanim Al Saleh

12.00 Sabah Al Khir news and variety

12.15 Min Aj Ghadi: weekly Arabic serial. Starring: Ihsan Sadeq, Meesha Thabet and Saad Rashdan

1.00 News Summary

1.05 The World Today via satellite

1.30 Al Shanakel: cartoon serial

2.00 Variety

2.15 Al Hejra Illa Al Watan: Arabic serial

3.15 Innahe Al Haq: religious programme

3.35 Al Teneen Al Sagheer: cartoon serial

4.00 Al Schoon Al Taerar: foreign feature film

6.00 Variety

6.30 Night chemists, airmen and official advertisements

7.00 Cultural film

7.30 Noor Al Islam: religious programme

8.00 Shuara Al Saf Al Thani: cultural programme

9.00 Arabic news

9.45 Ana We Inta Wa Baba Fi Al Mishmish: Arabic serial

10.30 Al Zaman Al Saab: Arabic feature. Starring: Safa Al Sabe, Ahmad Abdul Wareth and Ahmad Salama

12.00 News in brief

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ATP to speed up game, improve conduct

NEW YORK, Sept 1. (Reuter): The Association of Tennis Professionals announced yesterday that it planned to test players for steroids and introduce new rules designed to speed up tennis and curtail unsportsmanlike behaviour.

Larry Scott, a touring professional and a member of the ATP board of directors, told a news conference that the current testing programme for cocaine, heroin and

amphetamines would be expanded to include anabolic steroids.

"We are now in the process of determining exactly how the test is going to take place," Scott said at the US Open site.

Scott said the rules governing conduct, which he described as the most pressing issue, would be implemented next year.

"Probably the most significant change from

our (players) point of view is in the code of conduct where we are reducing the code to three steps from four," he said.

Scott said umpires would be able to default a player for on-court misbehaviour after issuing a warning and a point penalty, eliminating the game penalty step.

"We realise that we don't have the best image in the world and we are committed to improving

that," Scott added.

Franco Bartoli, who headed the ATP Tour rules committee, said that in an effort to speed up matches the time allowed between points would be reduced from 30 to 25 seconds and a tiebreak would be mandatory in all sets.

The new rules do not affect Grand Slam events, so Wimbledon will remain its tradition of no tiebreaks in the final set.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Qadsiya win

QADSIYA won the Salimiya Silver Jubilee Championship yesterday with a 1-0 win over Zamalek of Egypt. Mohammed Ibrahim scored the only goal in the 41st minute.

English club

LONDON, Sept 1. (Reuter): One of the longest-standing traditions in English cricket is under threat. Yorkshire are to consider relaxing their rule that only players born within the county may play for the side. Team captain Phil Carrick said today he had written to the club's general committee recommending the change.

European Masters

CRANS-SUR-SIERRE, Switzerland, Sept 1. (Reuter): Severiano Ballesteros and Bernhard Langer fired 65s to share the lead with Britons Ken Brown and Stephen Bennett and Swede Mats Lanner in the European Masters golf first round on Thursday. Seven-under-par scores left them one stroke clear of eight players, who include Australians Mike Harwood and Craig Parry, winners of the PLM and West German Opens in the last fortnight.

Olympic ban

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Sept 1. (Reuter): Athletics caught doping at the Olympics should not be banned from all future games for a first offence, a top official said on Wednesday. Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) medical commission, said: "I'm strongly against a life ban for a first offence because I feel everybody has the right to one chance in this life."

Cup qualifier

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado, Sept 1. (AP): The United States will play its final home World Cup qualifier against El Salvador on Sept 5 in St Louis soccer park at Fenton, Missouri.

Steroid users

NEW YORK, Sept 1. (AP): As some of the 13 players suspended for steroids continued to proclaim their innocence, the NFL said Wednesday that it hopes its ban of the body-building substances will deter any further use. League and team officials, however, conceded there is nothing to stop steroid users from going back on the drugs now that the one-time-only tests have been administered.

Ancestral loss

ROTTERDAM, Sept 1. (UPI): Australia's national cricket team will try to avenge an ancestral loss in the Hague this weekend when it takes on Holland for 55 innings in two days. Holland's win in 1964, the last time the Australians came to the Hague, is still a fresh memory as the embarrassment of a quarter century ago.

Dutch soccer

ROTTERDAM, Sept 1. (UPI): The Dutch Soccer Federation has rescheduled Fortuna Sittard's League match against FC Utrecht, a team with one of Holland's most troublesome retinues of fans, for Sunday Sept 8. The mayor of Sittard, a southern city near the West German border, banned the match on Aug 15, one day before it was to be played in De Baanstad stadium, because of fear of supporters violence.

English fans

ROTTERDAM, Sept 1. (UPI): The Dutch and English soccer federations are discussing a Dutch plan to refuse English fans entry into Holland for a Dec 13 international match between the two countries. A definitive decision is expected after England's match against Sweden next Wednesday.

Soviet player

VIENNA, Sept 1. (UPI): Soviet footballer Yevgeni Milevski, who made his Austrian Vienna First Division debut last week, netting the first two goals for Austria's 6-0 win over Admira Wacker, said he will become an Austrian citizen in time for next year's World Cup championship in Italy. In a television interview, national team manager Joseph Hicklberger said after last week's performance he can well imagine Milevski in the Austrian squad.

Lendl sails through

McEnroe and Wilander upset

NEW YORK, Sept 1. (Reuter): The men in the top half of the draw did their part to restore some sense of order and faith in the US Open rankings yesterday after a day of startling upsets.

Top seed Ivan Lendl, a finalist here for the past seven years and a three-time champion, led a charge of seeded men into the third round.

The Czechoslovak world number one played nearly flawlessly tennis to demolish 32nd-ranked Australian John Fitzgerald 6-2 6-1.

Lendl broke Fitzgerald seven times in the match, while not allowing the Australian to reach a single break point against his own serve in the second and third sets.

"It's easy to play when you're leading so much," said Lendl.

On Wednesday, after second seed Boris Becker was taken to the brink of elimination but refused to cross over, fourth seed John McEnroe fell to unknown Dutch qualifier Paul Haarhuis and fifth-seeded defending champion Mats Wilander was ousted by young American upstart Pete Sampras.

But third seed Stefan Edberg opened grandstand play on a beautiful, sunny yesterday with a convincing 6-2 6-2 6-2 win over fellow Swede Peter Lundgren to put the year's final Grand Slam back on a more predictable course.

"That's the way tennis is today. It's very, very competitive. If you don't concentrate you can lose to anybody," Edberg said of Wednesday's shockers.

"Unfortunately, I'm not in



Wilander leaves the court after losing to Sampras. (Reuter wirephoto)

that half of the draw," said Edberg, a losing finalist at both Wimbledon and the French Open this year.

Edberg's draw includes a potential quarterfinal against ninth seed Andre Agassi and a semifinal against Lendl.

Agassi delighted his vocal New York fans yesterday with an easy 6-3 6-2 6-3 win over South

African Neil Broad.

The flamboyant 19-year-old displayed good control on his rocket forehand groundstrokes and unleashed what appeared to be a much-improved serve for 10 aces and 13 service winners.

While Agassi played to the grandstand crowd, seventh seed Michael Chang — his principal rival for top American star of the third round.

Ninth-seeded American Tim Mayotte also rolled into the third round with a straight-set win over 75th-ranked Italian Cathy Caverzasio.

Sixth-seeded French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, who could face Sabatini in the quarterfinals, also advanced to the third round by crushing American Cammy MacGregor 6-1 6-3.

The 17-year-old, who shocked the tennis world by halting Steffi Graf's bid for a second successive Grand Slam on the slow, red French Open clay, looked surprisingly comfortable on the hard-courts of the National Tennis Center.

"I'm trying to do the same as I did at the French. I have a lot of confidence," she said.

Eighth-seeded Czechoslovak Helena Sukova needed three sets to safely reach the third round. But her compatriot, 11-seeded Jana Novotna, was the day's lone upset victim.

She fell to hard-hitting 26th-ranked Austrian Barbara Paulus 3-6 6-3 6-2.

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McEnroe reacts after being knocked out of the Open. (Reuter wirephoto)

Zaragoza stops Duarte for crown

LOS ANGELES, Sept 1. (Reuter): Mexico's Daniel Zaragoza retained his World Boxing Council super-bantamweight title yesterday when he stopped Frankie Duarte of the United States in the 10th round of a scheduled 12-round bout.

The left-handed champion battered the 10th-ranked Duarte from the start. Referee James Jen Kin stopped the fight to save Duarte, his left eye swollen and bleeding, from further punishment.

Zaragoza said the only thing that kept him from landing more punches was sore hands.

"I didn't hit him more because of the pain in my hands," Zaragoza said through an interpreter after the fight. Zaragoza's hands were bruised and swollen.

An aggressive but ineffective Duarte — his white trunks smeared with his own blood — kept charging the champion until the fight was stopped.

The 34-year-old Duarte said Zaragoza, 31, was just too fast for him.

"I just didn't have the quickness. The reflexes were gone," Duarte said.

Despite Zaragoza's domination, the crowd cheered Duarte, a Los Angeles native, until the end, chanting "Frankie, Frankie, Frankie."

Duarte, whose struggle with drugs and alcohol kept him out of the ring from 1981 to 1984, said the fight would be his last.

It was his second attempt at a world title. Duarte lost a 1987 bout for the World Boxing Association bantamweight title against Bernardo Pinango of Venezuela.

It was the fourth super-bantamweight title defence for Zaragoza, who held the WBC title for three months in 1985.

The champion said he plans to defend the super-bantamweight title three more times. If he is successful, Zaragoza said he would move up to the featherweight division, 126-pound (57.15 kg), to try for a third title.

Zaragoza said he plans to fight the number one contender Lee Seung-Hoon of South Korea in October. Zaragoza barely held onto his title in May 1989 when he battled Lee to a 12-round draw.

Yesterday's win brings Zaragoza's record to 39 wins, four losses and one draw. Duarte's record falls to 43-8-1. Zaragoza weighed in at 121 pounds (54.99 kg).

Zaman Gul quit after two games — won 15-4 15-1 by Jansher — because of a back injury.

Fans will be hoping Saturday's showdown will live up to last year's memorable final between the two Pakistanis.

Yesterday Jahangir took just 44 minutes to dispose of eighth seed Phil Kenyon of Britain 15-5 15-14 15-5.

Jansher made light work yesterday of 12th seed Fred Johnson of Sweden 15-5 15-5 15-4.

Palestine Soccer Cup starts

Iraq beats N. Yemen

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Sept 1. (AP): A new-look Iraqi youth team defeated North Yemen 4-0 yesterday in the opening match of the Third Palestine Soccer Cup under-19 tournament.

Midfielder Ali Ouda scored the first goal in the 22nd minute with a strong header that drew loud cheers, whistles and claps from the 60,000-strong audience at the Baghdad stadium. Striker Ala' Kadhim scored the three other goals in the 23rd, 41 and 52nd minutes.

The Iraqis have spent about 1.5 million dinars (\$4 million) on the tournament, which is co-sponsored by the Arab Football Federation.

The Iraqis, who won the first Palestine Cup tournament in Morocco in 1983, are desperate for a triumph in the two-week tournament to overcome the taint of a ban by the International Soccer Federation (FIFA).

Earlier this year, FIFA barred Iraq's under-23, under-19 and under-16 teams from playing in tournaments organised by the organisation for two years after the Iraqis fielded an over-age player in the world youth tournament in Saudi Arabia.

Among the favourites to win 14-nation champion-

ship are Saudi Arabia, who won the second tournament in 1985, and Algeria, runners-up in that event which they hosted.

The Iraqis, under the direction of British coach William Asper, had been training for the event for more than two months in Budapest, playing Hungarian and Arab teams.

Asper, 53, is a former player with England's Stoke City and Sheffield Wednesday clubs and a one-time sidekick of the legendary Stanley Matthews of England, one of soccer's greats.

Iraq is grouped with North Yemen, Morocco and Jordan in Group 1. All their preliminary matches will be played in Baghdad, the Iraqi capital.

Saudi Arabia faces strong challenges in Group 3 from Kuwait and Bahrain. Their matches will be played in the northern oil city of Kirkuk.

Egypt will not be playing because its application was made too late, official said.

South Yemen, Algeria and Tunisia will play their Group 4 matches in another northern city, Mosul.

Lebanon, which was to have been in Group 4, is not sending a team because of fighting between the Syrian Army and Christian forces.

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